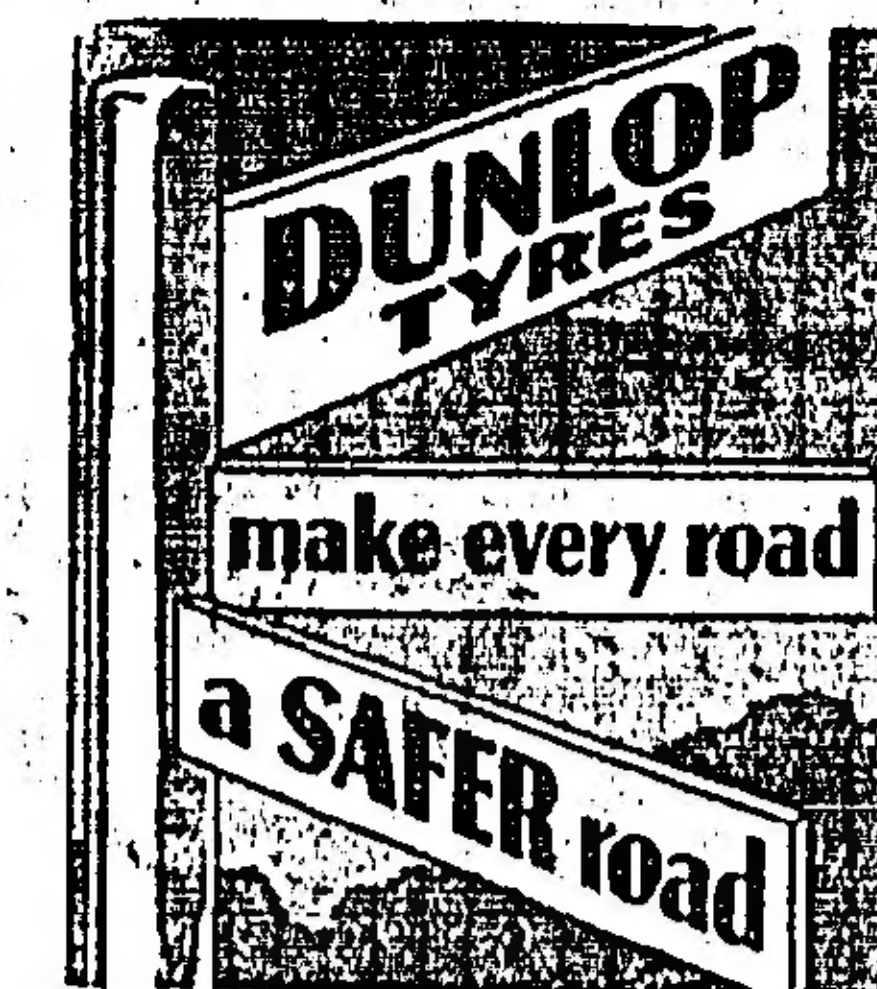




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ATTACKING NANKING FROM THREE SIDES

Main Japanese Forces Still Some Distance From Chinese Capital

CHINESE MAINTAIN POSITIONS ON SOUTHERN FRONT, ROUT ENEMY VAN

Nanking, Dec. 8.

It has been ascertained that Japanese infantry units are advancing on Nanking from three directions.

One column from Kuyung, 22 miles south-east of Nanking, is pushing forward along the highway from Chiuhuashan, north of Tangshuichen, to Chilingmen, the east outer gate of the capital.

A second column is pressing an attack on Shunhuachen, 12 kilometres outside Kwanghuamen Gate, from Tientsussu, about 22 kilometres south of Kuyung. This column comprises some mechanised units and is supported by aeroplanes.

The Chinese forces are maintaining positions south of Shunhuachen to check this advance.

During a skirmish yesterday scores of the Japanese vanguards were killed and about 20 rifles seized by the Chinese defenders.

A third column, from Lishui, is engaging the Chinese forces at Yinhangchen about five kilometres north of Mulungkwan, and about 22 kilometres south of Nanking.

—Central News.

Delaying Attack

Shanghai, Dec. 8.
Japanese sources hinted that Japanese troops are delaying the Nanking attack due to the belief that the Chinese are panicky and are retreating. As a result they believe the Japanese will soon be able to enter the city without fighting.

These sources state that the sight of thousands of Chinese troops crossing the river and blowing up the munition dumps indicates that the Chinese will not defend Nanking.

Meanwhile the Japanese are bringing up supplies and strengthening their lines in the event of the Chinese deciding to defend the city.

In Shanghai it is said that 300,000 Chinese troops are defending Nanking, and it is said that fighting occurred yesterday in the vicinity of Tangshan, east of the capital. It is denied that Tangshan has fallen.

12 Miles Away

Meanwhile it is said that Japanese troops have captured the Tienchi Temple, twelve miles from Kwanghuamen and Nanking.

Foreign military observers are very doubtful about the effectiveness of the 300,000 Chinese troops which are between Wuhu and Nanking, because over two-thirds of them are provincial soldiers.

A foreign military observer said he understood the Japanese army at the present was pressing against the walls of Nanking.

In the meantime, reports from Nanking indicate that Chinese troops are steadily drawing in towards the city, leaving rear-guard detachments at the front, burning everything in the path of the Japanese advance.

It is reliably reported that the Japanese forces are executing a northward movement to arrive at the north and west gates simultaneously, thus cutting off the Chinese retreat to Fokow.

It is officially stated at Nanking that members of the Embassies are likely to board the U.S.S. Panny at any moment. Chinese anti-aircraft are replying to Japanese raids, but only in short, sporadic bursts.

—United Press.

Foreigners Ready To Move Out

Nanking, Dec. 8.
The U.S.S. Guam arrives at Wuhu from Nanking to-day. The U.S. Tangshan is loading on refugees, while the Americans from Nanking are advised.

(Continued on Page 4.)

JAPANESE ADMIT REVERSE

Chinese Establish New Line

Re-Occupy Pingyao

Peiping, Dec. 7.
A Japanese military spokesman admitted that the Chinese are busy constructing another "Hindenberg Line" along the right bank of the Yellow River from Tungwan to a point 60 miles inside of the Shan-tung border.

This line is held by 22 divisions. The spokesman also admitted that Chinese troops operating in Shansi had re-occupied Pingyao. —Reuter.

Ex-Navy M.P. Questions New Policy

London, Dec. 7.
The new War Office policy of reducing the age of those holding high Command led Lieut-Comdr. R. T. H. Fletcher (Lab.) to ask Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons to-day, if this policy is to be extended to the Navy and Royal Air Force.

The Prime Minister assured his questioner that the First Lord of the Admiralty and Secretary for Air would continue to give full weight to all relevant considerations, including age, health and physical fitness of officers concerned.

Lieut-Comdr. Fletcher asked whether it was not desirable to have an approximation to the average age between the Army Council, Air Council and Board of Admiralty. He quoted the disparity of age between the First Sea Lord and members of the other two bodies (cries of "No").

—Reuter.

CURTAIN PASSIVE DEFENCE MEASURES

Britain Places Responsibility On Air Force

London, Dec. 7.

Moving the third reading of the Air Raids Precautions Bill in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Home Secretary, announced that an air raids precautions department would be organised upon Service lines. The staffs for planning duties and administrative duties would be separated.

Wing-Commander Hodsell would be the new chief of the air raids precautions staff with the post of Inspector-General, while Mr. W. G. Eady, Secretary of the Unemployment Assistance Board and one of the most competent organisers in Whitehall, would go to the Home Office to devote his full time supervising the administrative side of the work, with the title of Deputy Under-Secretary of State.

Sir Samuel Hoare said that two main conclusions emerged from the discussions on the Bill: firstly complete immunity was impossible, and secondly that it was wrong to concentrate a disproportionate amount of money and man-power on defence which would create a dangerous bias in the public mind for passive precautions rather than for vigorous defence.

It was sound commonsense that London's best defence was a strong and vigorous air force capable of flying down an enemy air force. —Reuter.

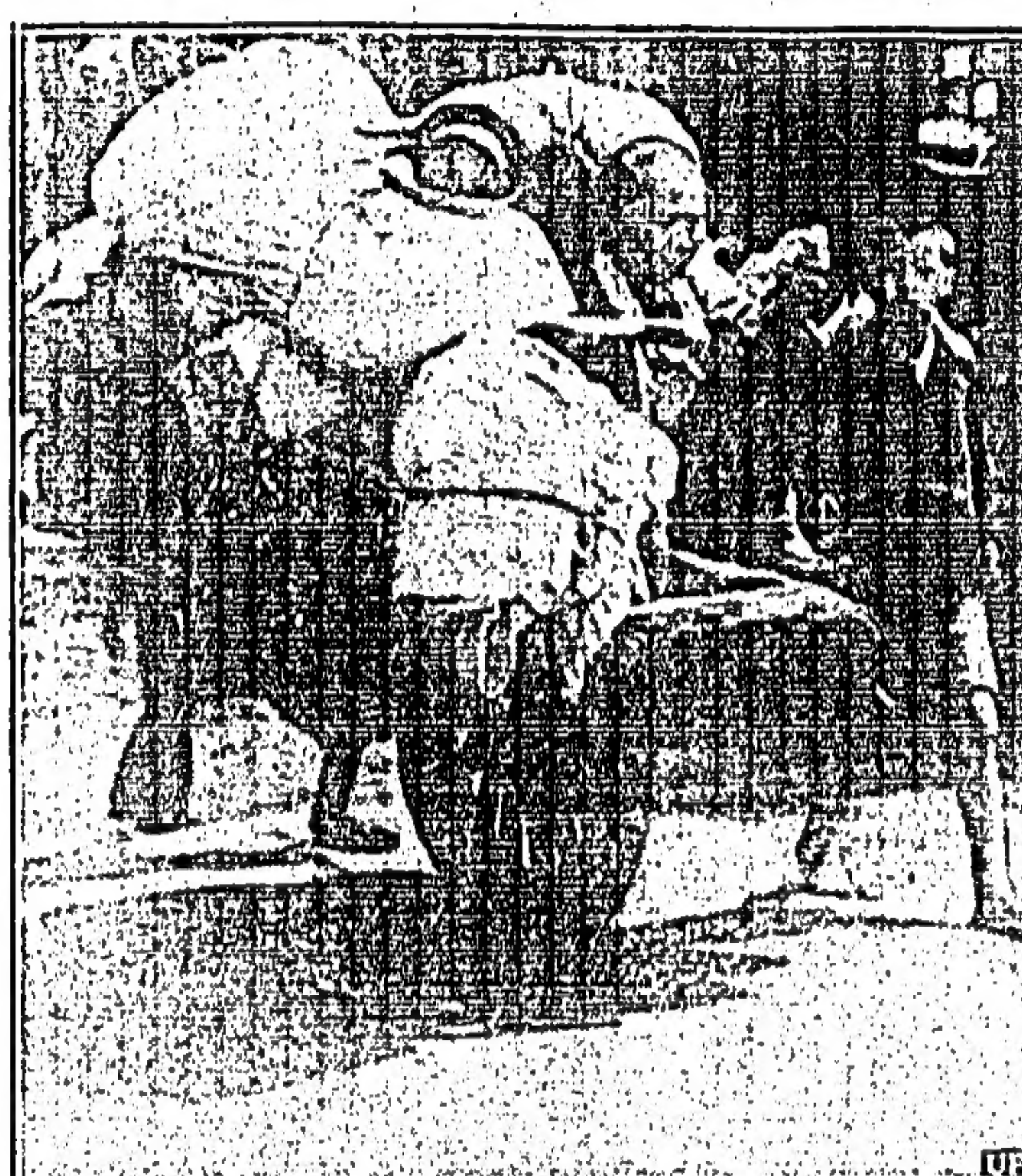
MANCHUKUO'S "EMPEROR" FOR PEACE

Rome, Dec. 7.
An exchange of congratulatory telegrams between Emperor Pu Yi of Manchukuo and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy on the occasion of the recognition of Manchukuo is announced.

Emperor Pu Yi said in part: "We can work together in the cause of world peace." —Reuter.

Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek May Retire

IN CONSTANT FLIGHT



Some of the people of China have lived for weeks in constant flight, and almost constant terror. Here is one family seeking a new home, the stalwart husband pushing a heavily loaded barrow on which his wife rides, while the son of the family sets the pace. As the tide of war advances so these unfortunate people move, uprooted completely, without a home and without hope for the future. They seek only escape.

POOTUNG'S 'MAYOR' ASKS CO-OPERATION OF S'HAH CHINESE

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Su Hsi-wen, "Mayor" of the Pootung administration, has circularised the Chinese public organisations asking for their co-operation.

The letter points out that since the withdrawal from Shanghai of the Kuomintang troops, everything has been at a standstill. It goes on to state that "at the request of various circles" he assumed the post of Mayor and he desires to restore normal conditions.

A feature of the letter is the use of the old Chinese calendar which was abolished by the Central Government. —Reuter.

Kwangtung Pushes Food Production

Banks To Assist Farmers

Canton, Dec. 8.

To effect a closer co-operation between the farmers and bankers in Kwangtung in pushing the emergency food production programme, Governor Wu Te-chen has appointed Dr. D. Y. Lin, Director of the Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry, as head of a Food Production Loans Department.

Under the new plan district magistrates or representatives of farmers may approach this department for loans for food production.

Rapid progress has been made in winter cultivation and the promotion of growing minor food crops, such as wheat, barley, sweet potatoes, beans, etc., since the Emergency Food Programme was launched shortly after the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in the north. The bankers in Kwangtung have supported the programme by advancing \$1,000,000 which have been used as loans for production work. —Central News.

FOREIGN OFFICE IN HANKOW

Hankow, Dec. 8.
In order to facilitate the work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs an office will be maintained in Hankow where important members of the ministry will be stationed. It is learned here. The head office of the ministry, however, will be established at Chungking which is the new seat of the Central Government. Part of the staff of the ministry is leaving here to-day for Chungking. —Central News.

Volunteer Withdrawal Now Nearer

Russian Criticises Franco's Reply

"Pocket General" Abused

London, Dec. 7.

A communique states that the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee preliminarily has considered the replies of the two parties in Spain regarding the withdrawal of volunteers. The committee recognised that the replies were of such a nature that it would be possible to continue its task.

The sub-committee also considered methods of constituting the Commissions which are to be sent to Spain to organise the withdrawal of the volunteers.

The Chairman's sub-committee will have a meeting on Thursday and the Technical sub-committee will meet on December 8 and 10.

M. Leon Malsky, the Soviet representative, speaking at the meeting of the Non-Intervention (Continued on Page 4.)

PEACE RUMOUR AGAIN ABROAD

Negotiations May Come If Japanese Terms Reasonable

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's departure from Nanking is taken to indicate the city's fall will come soon and that defeat on this front is conceded.

There seems to be increased possibility of Marshal Chiang retiring in favour of some other group. Possibly Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Chang Chun and General Ho Ying-ching may take the reins from him. All of these officials are believed to be at Hankow at present.

U. S. Building Big Fleet Of Merchantmen

Washington, Dec. 7.
It is authoritatively learned that the Maritime Commission is ready to start within a fortnight a multi-million dollar programme to rehabilitate the merchant marine.

An official said that bids would be asked for \$20,000,000 worth of construction, including at least ten 8,000 ton cargo boats costing about \$1,750,000 each. —Reuter.

BARCELONA ATTACKED BY PLANES

50 Believed Dead IN Bombing

Barcelona, Dec. 7.

Planes raided Barcelona and its environs this afternoon but no bombs were dropped in the centre of the town. However it was reported that some fell in the suburbs. The death toll so far is estimated at 50 and the search for victims is proceeding.

Mr. Clement Attlee, British Labour Opposition leader and Member of Parliament, was present in Barcelona at the time of the raid, having arrived by special plane from Madrid shortly before. —Reuter.

ATTLEE MISSES RAID

Barcelona, Dec. 7.
It now transpires that Mr. Clement Attlee and his colleagues arrived 40 minutes after the all-clear had been sounded following to-day's air raid on the city suburbs. —Reuter.

Foresees No Trade Slump In Britain Even When Arms Programme Ends

London, Dec. 7.

Speaking at Birmingham to-day, Mr. Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was no evidence of a slump in Britain, although there were certain set-backs due to the recent cessation of spending by the big industrial concerns in the United States, causing a fall in material prices.

But there was no indication of a British decline in general, nor was this likely to occur as a result of the completion of expenditure on re-armament. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Same old dress all spangled up



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If you are obliged to wear spectacles there is no reason to fear that your looks must suffer. For some time opticians have been making spectacles designed to show up a pair of pretty eyes rather than mar their attractiveness. The latest are wonderful.

Light-tinted shells are used as a matter of course. Flesh-coloured frames can in fact be matched to your own skin, though, as a rule, the choice is for shells which harmonise or contrast from your hair. Tinted hairdresses and rims which are honey-coloured best for them, whether in clear or opaque shell. Older women choose pale grey rims as most flattering to their complexions.

Her Neck-Line

It has been said that a woman's age is revealed more truly by her neck than her face. Since the neck includes the chin, a chin which is at all fleshy should be massaged with a reducing cream every night. There are also reducing vinegars to put under the skin with a rubber roller.

The tried and approved method of wearing a strap to hold cotton saturated in an astringent lotion in place under the chin, is excellent so long as the strap is light, and as small as possible.

Various bleaching creams as well as soaps whiten the neck as they clean. Lemon preparations are also useful, and it goes without saying that the neck should be as carefully made up when wearing an evening frock as one's face.

Then Exercise

TO-DAY'S insistence upon exercise for every defect was never so necessary as for the improvement of the neck.

The neck can, to some extent, be kept young and rounded by following the deportment exercise of walking around the room with a book balanced on your head.

Chasing the hands over the head, and then raising the hand against the pressure of the hands helps to strengthen the neck muscles too.

Or rotate the chin in a circle, not forgetting, as a finale to the head, from a normal position as though trying to stretch the head to the ceiling. This should be done every morning. A few weeks' practice should make a lot of difference to the line of your neck.

Present For A Bride

If you are buying cutlery for a wedding present, it is wise to be adventurous. Cutlery lasts a long time and what is orthodox to-day is well on the way to being very old-fashioned in a year or so.

But the simplest styles among to-day's knives and forks are worthy investments. Knives and forks with simply-shaped handles, quite flat and straight at the ends, are expressive of very good taste. There are also knives with bevelled handles which watch for you and forks, while some of the newest knives have fairly long handles, and curved blades comparatively short.

The three-pronged forks seen among the newest cutlery are recommended as being easy to keep clean.

Leather At Home

LEATHER is not usually associated with bedroom furniture, but it can impart an air of luxury when decorated and embossed and used for new bedroom pieces.

A large wardrobe entirely covered with cream leather is embossed and painted with a scroll design. Inside, the wardrobe shows a lining of sycamore.

Dress wardrobes with glass tops are also covered with leather, and bedheads for divans are shaped in curves to a high centre point, both the line and the decorated leather showing the influence of Spanish furnishings.

3 Points for Pie Makers

You can put a good glaze on a sweet pie by brushing the pastry with lightly beaten egg white (it must not froth) and dusting it with fine white sugar.

When adding sliced or sieved egg to a savoury pie, boil the eggs for fifteen minutes, cool quickly in cold water and crack the shell to let out the sulphur that otherwise turns the yolk green. Add the egg when the other items are cold or cool.

For raised pies use short or biscuit crust, and don't make the oven very hot.

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A FEW sequins can go a long way towards making an old frock look glitteringly new. Just to show you some of the dozens of ways you can use them we've taken one frock, made it in turn look simple, clinging, sophisticated and glamorous. You can get sequins in colours to match your frocks. They are sewn on net, sold by the yard in widths of 1, 4 and 5 inches. Don't try to hem the ends—just gum down.

The frock you see here is in heavy crepe, plainly cut with fullness in the skirt rising from the knees. Here's how we've treated it:—

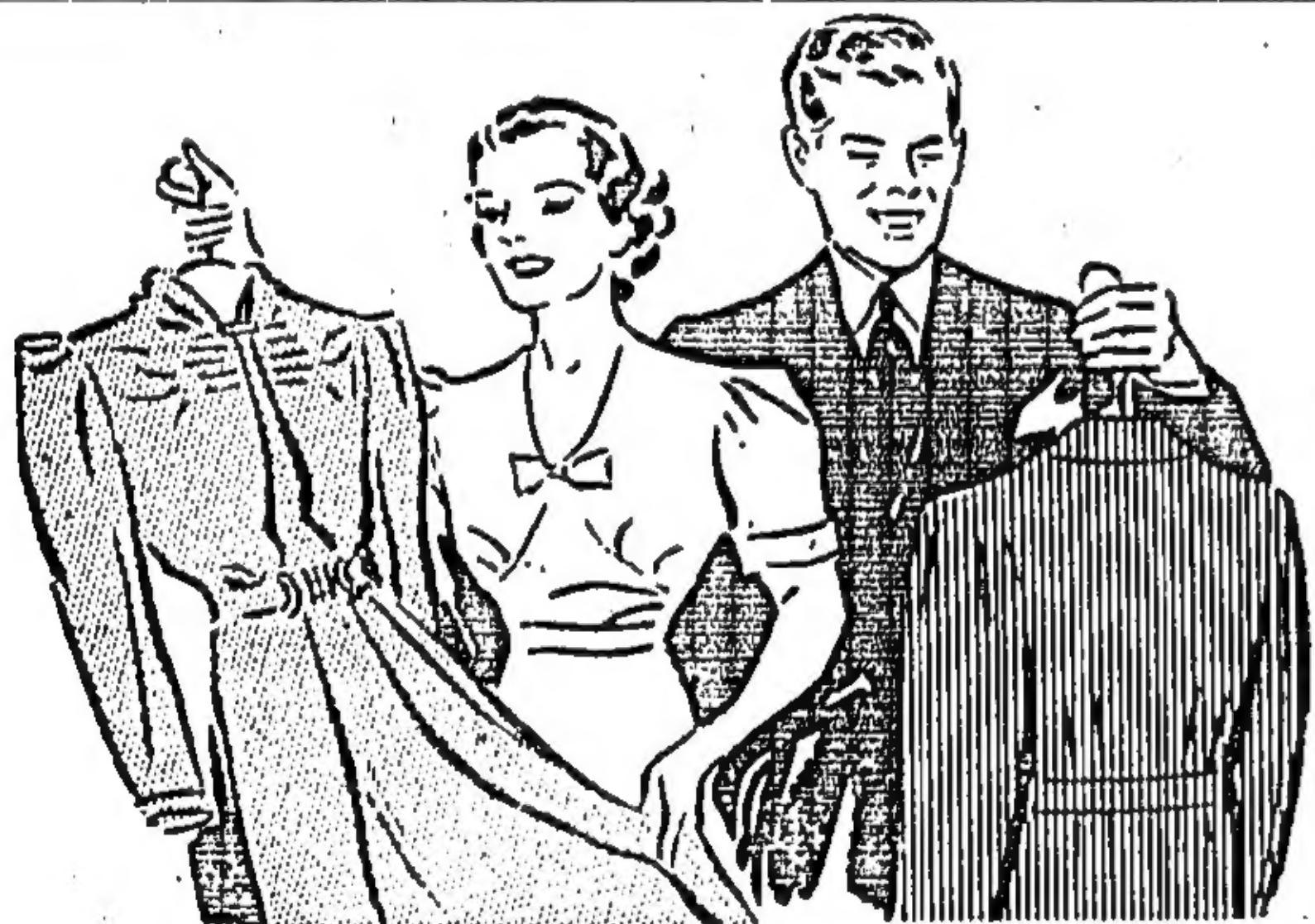
1. A wide band of sequins runs down each side of the frock (like the stripe on a guardsman's trousers). A narrower band goes round the neck of the frock and edges the neck of the short full cape.

2. A lighter, more frivolous fashion. Sequins band the neck of the frock and make the shoulder straps. They also trim the ends of a long chiffon scarf, glitter here and there about it, and make a bow to be perched in your hair.

3. A drastic change here has made the frock into a dinner dress. Sequins made a whole new back (cut to a deep V) and long tight sleeves.

4. If you are going all out for glamour (and glitter) put broadbands of sequins on last year's evening jacket. Run a strip of them up the sleeves and along the shoulders, and match them up with scarf, bag and sequin-backed gloves.

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"Fare" Stops Tram As Driver Dies

A crowded tramcar charged along a busy Birmingham street recently without anyone at the controls after the driver had fallen to death from the platform.

It was stopped by a passenger who opened the dividing door and turned the controls.

As it pulled up with shuddering brakes a football crowd pushing its way over a busy crossing a short distance away dashed for safety.

The driver, Frank Green, aged 49, of Addam-road, Perry Beeches Estate, Birmingham, apparently had a seizure and fell from the platform, fracturing his skull, from which he died shortly afterwards in hospital.

PULLED LEVERS

The passenger who stopped the tram, a 38-years-old chartered accountant, Mr. E. A. Winters, of Shepherd's Green-road, Erdington, Birmingham, said:

"As the tram was full I had to go in the bottom section and took the seat nearest the driver.

"I was reading, as usual when I heard someone shout, 'Stop the tram!'

"I looked towards the driver's compartment and saw that there was no one there.

"For a few seconds I was at a loss as to what to do and then threw open the door and pulled the levers in front, hoping the car would stop.

"It was travelling at a good rate, but fortunately it stopped in time. "There was blood on the platform and, looking back, I saw the driver lying in the road."

Every Shot Counts

Cody, Wyo. Five years ago, Mrs. W. J. Sherwin of the North Fork country near here received a gift of a big game rifle and a box of 20 shells. Since that time she has killed four elk and a deer. She still has 12 of the 20 gift bullets unused.

Amarillo Enlarges Airport

Amarillo, Tex. Continuing this city's efforts to obtain high ranking in the nation's list of well-equipped airports, plans for two additional runways at the municipal field are being made.

Professor Who Embalmed Lenin HIS DEATH "A HEAVY LOSS"

Moscow. THE death is announced of Prof. Vorobiev, who embalmed the body of Lenin in 1924.

"In this heavy loss," writes the Communist newspaper *Pravda*, "we are consoled by the conviction that his pupils will carry on the work he began."

Lenin's body, in a red granite tomb above Red Square, still attracts thousands of pilgrims weekly. It is the only body preserved by Vorobiev's method, the secret of which is jealously guarded.

Prof. Vorobiev once explained that he originally undertook to preserve Lenin's strikingly lifelike appearance in death for three months only. As the months grew into years, however, he gradually reached the conclusion that the body might be indefinitely preserved if certain precautions were taken.

TEMPERATURE STEADY

It is necessary to keep the temperature in the vault constantly at 59 or 60 degrees Fahrenheit. That is why the crowds are permitted to file through the vault for only a few hours daily. The atmosphere inside the glass canopy over the corpse must, moreover, be kept absolutely dry.

Lenin's body is still astonishingly lifelike. The concealed, flesh-coloured lighting has the effect of making it look more like a sick man than a corpse.

13 Sopranos Strike

Blackpool, Nov. 8. Thirteen sopranos refused to appear at Blackpool Musical Festival to-day because they said a test was too difficult. It was an aria from Gounod's "Roméo and Juliet," and competitors had to reach a top "E." Mr. Topliss Green, the adjudicator, adjourned the session because there were no more to sing.

NEW FRENCH 'PLANES FOR LONDON ROUTE Reading Room And Bar

The Air France Company announces that a new four-engined plane, the Farman 224, with seats for 40 passengers, a bar, reading-room and other accommodation, is shortly to be placed in service between Paris and London. Six machines of this type are being built and will all be ready in 1938. They will make the Paris-to-London journey in 80 minutes.

A new Bloch 220 machine, carrying 15 passengers as well as the crew, is already in service on the Paris-Lyon-Marseilles route, and 14 similar planes have been ordered.

The number of planes already attached to the Casablanca-Dakar line to connect with the Transatlantic service to South America is also to be increased until there are 20 in all reserved for this service.

Early Jail Rising Ended

Litchfield, Conn. One of the first orders of newly appointed county sheriff Sutherland A. Beckwith was to advance the breakfast time for prisoners from 5.30 a.m. to 7 a.m. "I made the change because I could see no reason for getting up that early," Beckwith explained.

England To China And Back

MEETING SPOILT BY BOMBARDMENT

A WOMAN has just returned to England, after having travelled 20,000 miles to see her husband for two hours.

She is Mrs. Florence Conibear, 38-years-old wife of Mr. Alan Conibear, a Methodist missionary in Ningpo, a Chinese coastal village.

With her two children, Alan (11) and Barbara (8), she left her home at Chestnut Road, Plymouth, in July and sailed in the President Lincoln. At Shanghai she was refused permission to land and was ordered to travel to Hongkong.

Mrs. Conibear had almost given up hope of seeing her husband when a tender with Chinese refugees came alongside and she boarded the ship.

UNDER SHELL FIRE In the meantime a Japanese destroyer had taken advantage of the liner's presence to cover her approach and began shelling the Woosung forts, while aeroplanes made a mass attack that lasted for four hours.

"The time I had with my husband was spoilt by the bombardment," Mrs. Conibear said.

"After a few hours' stay at Shanghai I sailed with the children for Hongkong and stayed there a month with friends. My husband returned to Ningpo."

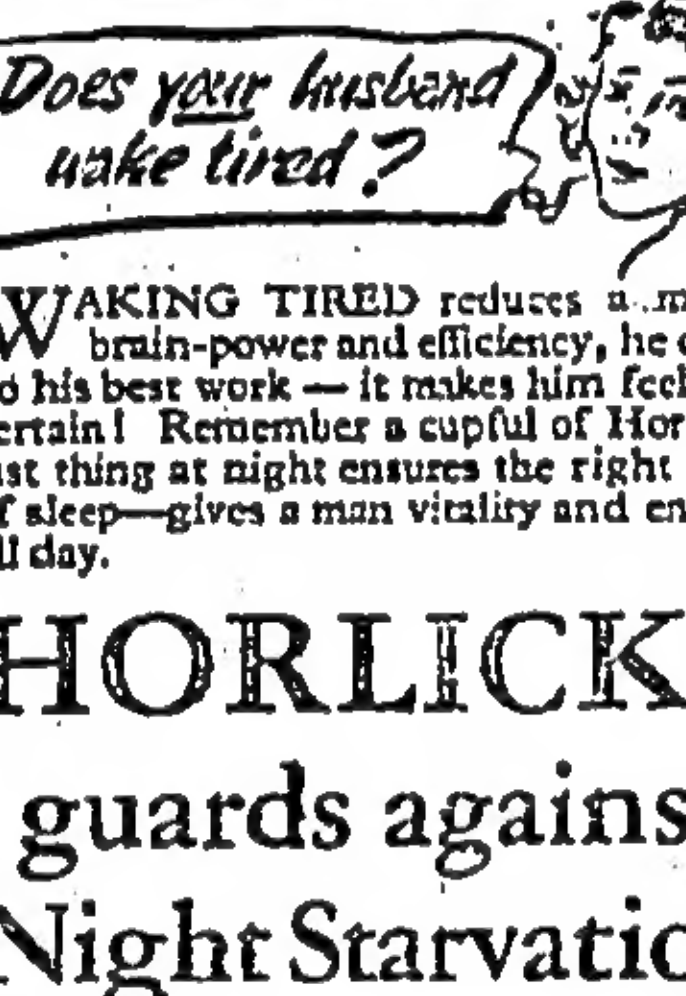
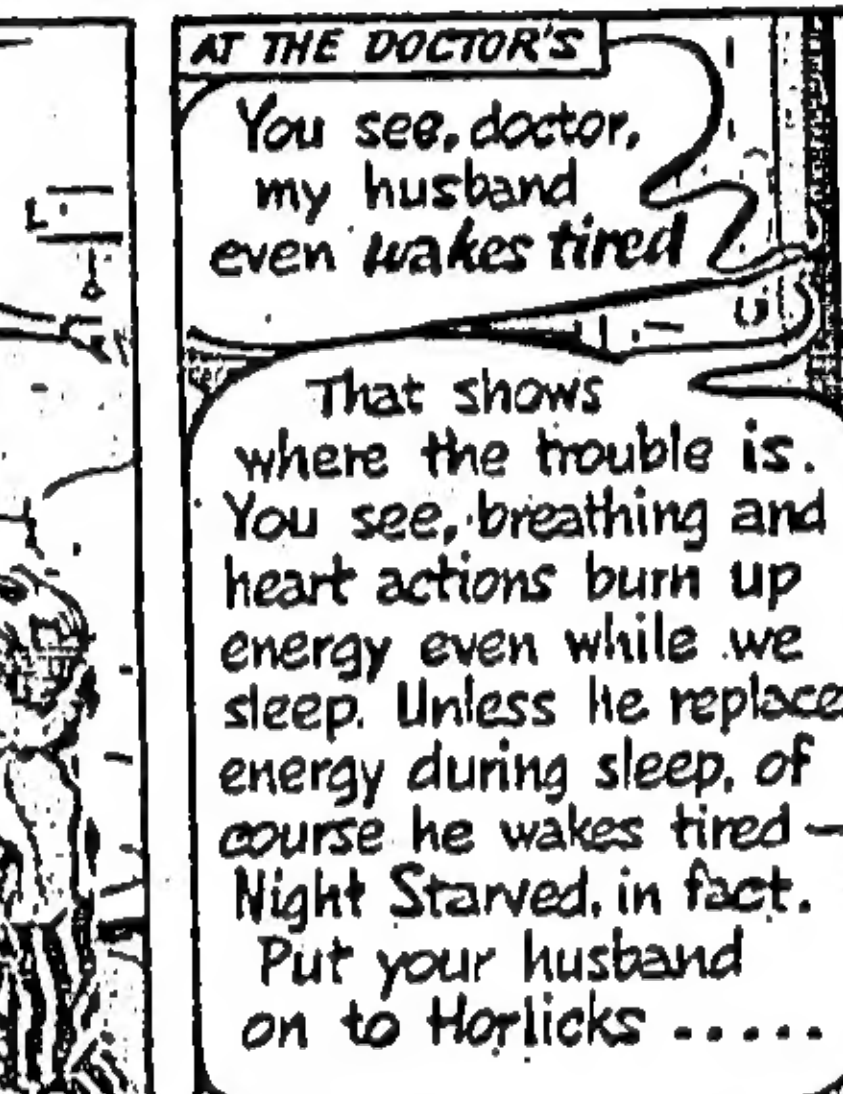
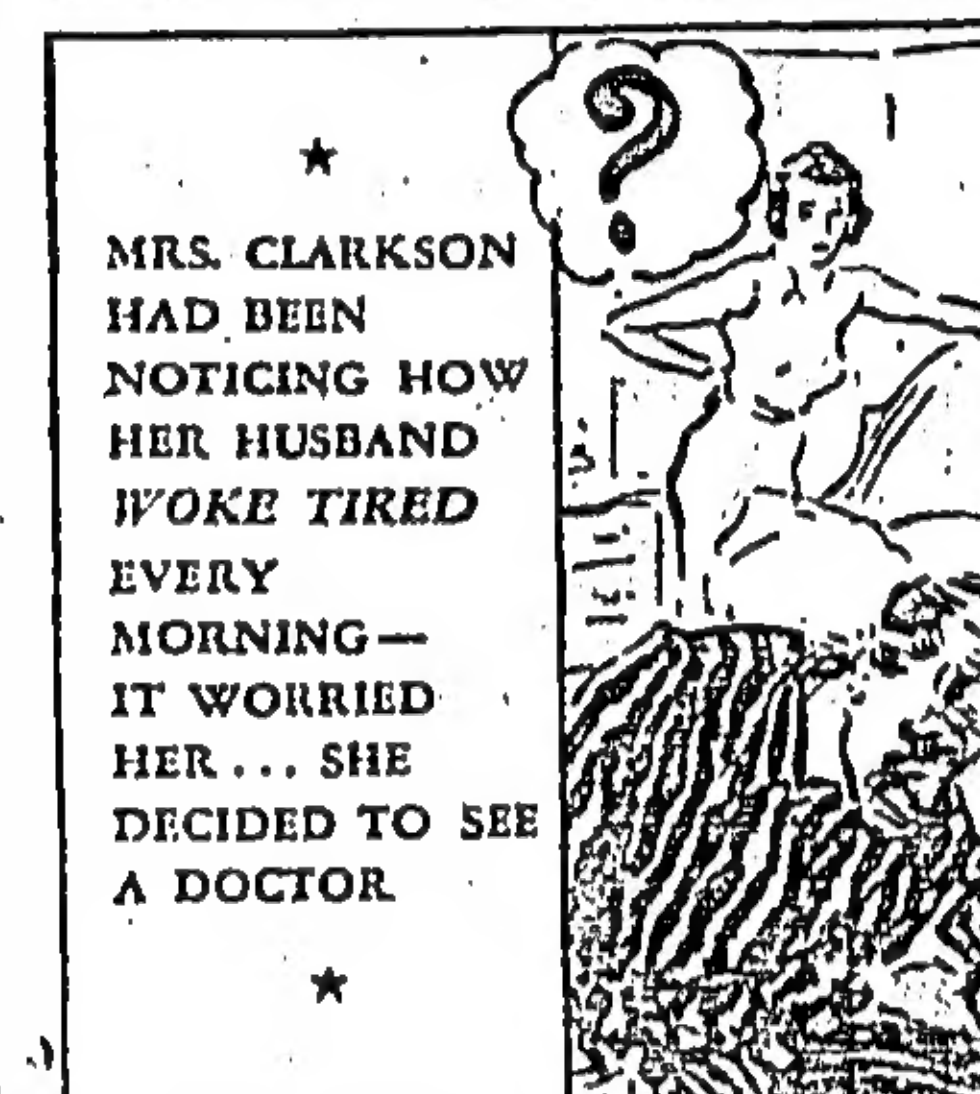
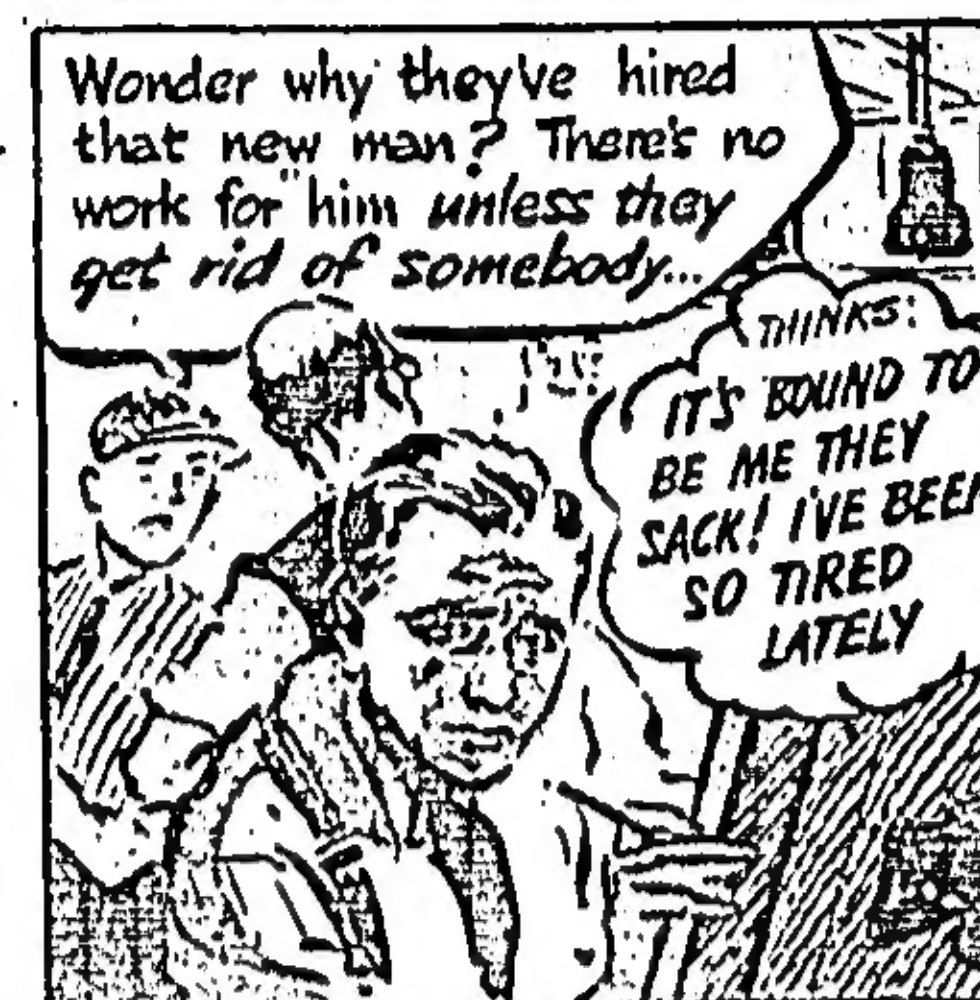
Mails 6 Months Slow

Wakefield, Mass. Home owners here received literature extolling the opportunity to borrow under the Federal Home Loan plan—six months after the offer had expired. The postmaster explained that the delay occurred in Washington.

Wheel Tax Proposed

Sterling, Ill. Proposal for a wheel tax here to obtain additional revenue for enlarging the police force is under consideration. The tax, it was said, would be a flat rate of \$2 for pleasure cars and \$5 for trucks.

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TOWN IN
RUINSMass Japanese Raids
Near Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 7.

Shunhuachen, a rural town 15 kilometres south-east of Nanking, has been reduced to ruins as a result of Japanese mass air attacks yesterday. No fewer than 300 bombs were rained on the town during seven raids. About 20 bombing planes participated in each raid.

A conservative estimate puts the approximate casualties at 200.—Central News.

PUKOW DEVASTATED

Nanking, Dec. 7.

Nine Japanese bombers, escorted by five pursuit planes subjected Pukow, on the opposite side of the Yangtze River, to a severe bombing yesterday afternoon.

Several bombs landed in the vicinity of the railway godown where two big fires were started.—Central News.

BOMBS TAKE TOLL

Nanking, Dec. 7.

A dozen bombs, falling in the vicinity of the Pukow railway station, tearing up the track where 2,000 refugees were huddled, resulted in scores being killed and wounded today.

Bits of bodies were found on the side of the tracks, and one prostrate corpse was seen feebly to raise his hands in an attempt to smother the flames which were engulfing his clothes. But he collapsed and burned to death.—United Press.

RAIDS ON CAPITAL

Nanking, Dec. 7.

About thirty Japanese planes carried out three raids on Nanking yesterday.

During one raid handbills of a posterous nature were distributed by the planes from the air.—Central News.

TUNGKUAN ATTACK

Sian, Dec. 7.

An official investigation which has just been completed reveals that 30 non-combatants were killed and more than 10 injured during the Japanese air raid over Tungkuang today.

No less than 21 missiles were rained near the vicinity of the railway station, demolishing over 10 houses. Part of the machinery belonging to the Northwest Industrial Company was also wrecked when the building was struck by a bomb.—Central News.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE,
STANLEY.

(Middle School for Chinese Boys)

The New Term begins December 13th.

Entrance Examination for new Students at Stanley on Saturday, December 11th. at 9 a.m.

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For prospectus, for day-boys and boarders, apply to Fung Man Sui Esq. or Chan Pak Luk Esq., Messrs. H. Wicking, Prince's Building, (Tel. 30241) or to the College.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

U.S. COMMODITY
PRICESLATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONSNew York, Dec. 7.
The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters:

	Opening	Closing
December	7.89/88	7.82/82
January	7.83/83	7.82/82
March	7.90/80	7.87/87
May	7.94/94	7.89/89
July	8.00/00	7.97/97
October	8.07/07	8.04/05
Spot		7.97

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

	Opening	Closing
December	15.63/57	15.45/45
March	15.69/67	15.58/58
May	15.80/80	15.65/65
September	15.84/84	15.76/76

Sales for the day: 1,760 tons.

The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 20.

	Opening	Closing
December	94/94 1/4	93 1/4/93 1/4
Monday's Sales:		

20,182,000 bushels.

	Opening	Closing
December	57 1/4/57 1/4	57 1/4/57 1/4
May	58 1/4/58 1/4	58 1/4/58 1/4

The last Notice Day for December Grains is Dec. 30.

	Opening	Closing
December	118 1/4/118 1/4	118 1/4/118 1/4
May	115 1/4/115 1/4	114 1/4/114 1/4

The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat is Dec. 31.

BOYCOTT
RESENTEDJapanese May Protest
To Great BritainSt. John, N.B., Dec. 6.
It is reported that the 22,000 tons of Japanese goods which have been refused to handle. The ultimate destination of the goods is unknown.

In the meantime 350 consignments of Japanese goods are at present in St. John warehouses destined for England.—United Press.

It is indicated, according to another United Press message from London that the Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida may make representations to the Foreign Office regarding the Southampton dockmen's refusal to unload the Japanese goods from the Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Richmond.

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTSNew York, Dec. 7.
S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market to-day showed evidence of some good buying and prices appear to be likely to rally further. Business failures during the past week totaled 208, against 184 failures the previous week. Bank deposits amounted to \$14,012,000,000 as compared with \$10,605,000,000.

Cotton: Quiet and featureless, awaiting to-morrow's Government Bureau estimate. Print-cloth mills are reported to be reducing production by 25 per cent. for a period of 90 days.

Wheat: Europe fails to respond to bullish Argentine news and does not reach on upturns, apparently depending upon increasing Australian offerings to curb advances. There were no tenders for December wheat. There were testing orders at under market rates.

Corn: Country offerings are apparently awaiting a more satisfactory price. Export demand was on the light side.

Rubber: The market was easier on unfavourable cables and dealer selling. Improved consumption outlook is necessary to any sustained advance.

Sugar: A quiet market. There was a small amount of liquidation.

S. C. & F. Dow-Jones summary of yesterday's market:

Prices to-day were irregularly higher, but business was dull. In anticipation of Government orders for some of the latest-type aeroplanes. There were some selective orders. Some shares, including Union Pacific and Coca-Cola, displayed weakness. Utilities were higher. Steel shares gained, with gains ranging to nearly two points. Farm implements were supported. Copper shares gained from fractions to a whole point. Silver shares were better. Rail equipments and most railroad shares were fractionally higher. Curb stocks and bonds were irregular, with United States Government bonds lower.

Wall Street Journal morning comment:

The Street does not consider that Monday's market showed any special trend.

The member trade statistics are due for publication next week and will probably be unpleasant reading. There is no particularly constructive news to warrant buying.

The Street considers the extra dividend announced by the Allied Chemical Corporation as small, compared with the anticipated earnings. Selling for tax purposes on December 15 is expected next week.

There is more bullishness than bearishness at present.

Down Jones Aver. Dec. 6 Close

30 Industrials 120.21 123.31

20 Rails 31.91 32.03

20 Utilities 22.28 22.30

40 Bonds 93.43 93.38

11 Commodity Index 53.67 53.50

OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS

"Topper" (King's Theatre, to-day).—If you don't know the story, don't be misled by the title. The film is good entertainment, made so by the line performances of Constance Bennett, Cary Grant, Roland Young and Billie Burke.

"High, Wide and Handsome" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Reports of this picture are favourable. Anyhow, Irene Dunne is in it, and this is sufficient for a great many people. Also in the cast are Randolph Scott and Dorothy (Jungle Princess) Lamour.

"Go West, Young Man" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Mae West back again in another of her "Come up and see me sometime" roles. She is supported here by Warren William and Randolph Scott.

"Let's Fall in Love" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Return of an old favourite. Plenty of good music and laughs. Edmund Lowe and Ann Southern supply the romantic interest.

SILVER
FAILS TO
RECOVERLate Rush To Sell
Checks RiseArbitrageurs
Are Busy

London, Dec. 7.

Surprise was expressed on all sides this afternoon when the price of silver showed a small rise against the farthing to three-farthings jump which the market expected earlier in the day.

It is understood the price would have risen sharply for a late rush of Indian selling. Moreover certain technical factors connected with selling orders militated to the contrary.

After fixing the price, gossip in London circles turned to the amount of silver which was offered to and taken by the United States yesterday afternoon, estimates varying between 750,000 and 1,500,000 ounces. Almost immediately after to-day's fixing India turned buyer, bidding up the price by an eighth, but sellers were holding off.

That America also asked for offers to be made, but brokers have not been able to do business owing to the attitude of sellers, while arbitrageurs were also trying to buy in order to ship to New York.—Reuter.

SHARP FALL STILL POSSIBLE

London, Dec. 7.

Silver prices firmed and nearly resumed their normal levels here today in anticipation of President Roosevelt's proclamation.

However, it was emphasised, following yesterday's statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, that temporary aid may not prevent early and sharp declines unless the United States position is amplified.

There is some belief that the new Silver Act may provide for purchases below the level the United States is paying at present.

On the Bombay market the undertone was stender to-day. However, the market was still very uncertain. Prices reached 48.25 rupees per hundred tolas.—United Press.

U.S. SILVER POLICY

Washington, Dec. 7.

Replying to queries as to whether he planned to extend the silver programme in his proclamation, President Roosevelt to-day said that he did not intend to make any announcement concerning the domestic programme before the year end.

The President, who is looking extremely well, commenting on the reported continuation of the business recession, said that such was only an assumption and that "it does not tie my hands."—United Press.

ATTACKING NANKING
FROM THREE SIDES

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not to go ashore from the U.S.S. Panay.—United Press.

Chinese Retreat Orderly

Nanking, Dec. 8.

Mr. A. L. Patterson, President of the China American Company of Shanghai, arrived here yesterday after taking two weeks to make the journey from Shanghai.

He reported that Chinkiang was badly damaged by air bombing and that the A.F.C. office there had suffered from direct hit. He also declared that the retreating Chinese troops were well behaved and disciplined and that they shot all looters found in the streets of Chinkiang.—Reuter.

Mobilisation Plan
For Szechwan

Chengtu, Dec. 8.

A programme calling for the mobilisation of all able-bodied men in the province to stand by for service in the army has been completed by the Szechwan Provincial Government. The authorities have also drafted plans for foodstuffs, finance and communications during the emergency.—Central News.

1,000 Casualties In Wuhu

Nanking, Dec. 8.

An arrival from Wuhu reported that at least 1,000 Chinese civilians were killed and injured during the Japanese air raid along the waterfront of Wuhu last Sunday.

He asserted that the casualties at the wharf where the s.s. Tatung was moored were exceptionally high as thousands of refugees had flocked to the wharf hoping to gain passage to travel upriver. The bombs scored direct hits in the midst of this crowd.—Central News.

VOLUNTEER
WITHDRAWAL
NOW NEARER

(Continued from Page 1.)

Committee strongly criticised General Franco's reply to the committee's suggestion for the withdrawal of volunteers.

After describing the Spanish Government's reply as satisfactory, M. Malley said that General Franco's reply was "vague, not clear and ambiguous, while his reasoning is not only irrelevant but equally insolent, coming from the mouth of a pocket General, unable to understand, to stand on his own feet."

M. Malley, however, strongly urged proceeding with the preparatory work in the hope that General Franco will subsequently give the committee such an interpretation to his reply that will enable the committee to effect a real withdrawal of volunteers.—Reuter.

NAVY AND
ARMY NEWSAppointments To
China StationAmong recent appointments announced by the Admiralty are the following:
Capt. P. K. Enright to Folkestone (Dec. 31).
Cdr. (E.) J. D. N. Ham to Bee (Jan. 4).
Lt. L. P. Moore to Birmingham (Dec. 13).Temp. Instr. Lt. A. E. C. Ellis to Birmingham (Nov. 20).
Mids. E. B. Ashmore and T. V. A. Cleve to Birmingham.COMPLETION OF THE
CORNWALL

The cruiser Cornwall, which has been undergoing large repairs at Chatham for the past year, was to be commissioned for trials on November 29, and will complete to full crew from Devonport on December 8 for service in the 2nd Cruiser Squadron, Home Fleet. Captain C. O. Alexander, formerly Captain-in-Charge at Harwich, assumed command of the Cornwall in August. She will leave for Devonport on December 17.

SMALL CRAFT FOR CHINA

H.M.S. Ringdove is ordered to be transferred from Devonport to Portsmouth for manning purposes. She will become tender to the Vernon, torpedo school, from the date of her completion until she sails for China. The Ringdove is one of two special service vessels, the other being the Redstart, ordered under 1937 programme from Henry Robb, Limited, Leith, with machinery by White's Marine Engineering Company, Limited, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

STAFF COLLEGE EXAMINATION
IN HONGKONG

The entrance examination for the Staff Colleges will begin on February 22, and last until March 2.

Aldershot officers will be examined in that Command, those of Northern Ireland District will sit in Belfast, and others, including those on leave from abroad, will sit in London. The Indian centres will be at Bangalore, Delhi, Karachi, Lahore, Lucknow, Meerut, Mhow, Peshawar, Poona, Rawalpindi, and Secunderabad. Other overseas centres will be Mingaladon, Maymyo, and Hongkong. The transport Directorate left Southampton on December 4 with military drafts for Ceylon and the Far East.

R.A.F. PLANES
SPEED ON WAY
TO AUSTRALIAJerusalem, Dec. 7.
Five R.A.F. flying boats, which are flying to Sydney for the 150th anniversary of New South Wales, passed over Jerusalem this morning.—Reuter.VISCOUNT
ISHII IN
LONDONIn No Hurry To
See EdenLondon, Dec. 7.
Viscount Ishii, who is paying an unofficial visit to Europe from Japan, reached London to-day and is spending to-morrow seeing prominent members of the Japanese colony. To-day he conversed with Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, Japanese Ambassador to London.

Viscount Ishii intends to make an early call on Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary.—Reuter.

ACCESSION TO
BE MARKEDLondon, Dec. 7.
The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a statement that in view of a general desire to observe the day of His Majesty's accession and to use the forms of prayer and thanksgiving commonly called the Accession Service, it is important to note for the avoidance of misunderstanding that the official date of the accession is December 11 and not December 10.—Reuter.STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday stated:

The market was very quiet. Buyers:
Hongkong Bank (Lon.) 287
H.K. Electric 224
Nanhai 113
Cement 112.50
Deity Farm 224
Waters 21.70
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 20.75
Sellers:
Hongkong Bank 21.00
H.K. Fire Ins. 22.50
Wallace Harpers 22.50
Union Insurance 21.12 1/2
H.K. & W. Dochs 22.50
Provident (Ord.) 22.50
Star Faries 21.14
H.K. Electric 24 1/4/24

POST OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS AIR MAIL FOR
GREAT BRITAIN
BY "IMPERIAL AIRWAYS
DIRECT SERVICE"The Christmas Air Mail for Great Britain by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office as follows:
Registered 5.00 p.m., Dec. 10.
Ordinary 8.00 a.m., Dec. 11.
This mail is due to arrive at London on December 20, 1937.CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
CARDS

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 6 cents per 2 ounces for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

AIR MAIL TIMES

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office at 8 a.m. on Saturdays.

Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamers Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Haiphong	Canton December 8.
Manila	Emp. of Asia December 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Talpa December 8.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kwelyang December 8.
Salon	Nanning December 8.
Japan	Rajputana December 9.

Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and papers) — London, 11th November and London parcels — London date—4th November.	Rawalpindi December 9.
Manila	Schamhorst December 9.
Java and Manila	Tinegara December 9.
Salon	Athos II December 10.
Australia and Manila	Changie December 10.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Pan-American Airways Plane date, 1st December.

U.S.A., Canada, and Japan (Seattle, 20th November)	Pres. McKinley December 10.
Japan	Bokuyo Maru December 11.
Manila	Victoria December 11.
Straits	Delagosa Maru December 12.
Amoy	Tianroca December 12.
Straits	Diomed December 13.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow	Wednesday
Straits	Haiphong Wed., Dec. 8, 1 p.m.
	Cremet Wed., Dec. 8, 5 p.m.

Holhow	.....	Thursday
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	.....	Mulman Thurs., Dec. 9, 9 a.m.
Manila	.....	Tai Lee Thurs., Dec. 9, 11.00 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	.....	Benwylis Thurs., Dec. 9, 12.30 p.m.
	.....	Hosang Thurs., Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
	.....	Ord., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.

Friday

Air Mail for North China, Sian and Eurasia Plane Fri., Dec. 10.
Nanking (via Hankow) by "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).
Reg., Dec. 10, 9 a.m.
Ord., Dec. 10, 9.30 a.m.
Samsui and Wuchow Tai Hing Fri., Dec. 10, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon) On Lee Fri., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.
Formosa Hongkong Maru Fri., Dec. 10, 10.30 a.m.

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C. 27th December, and "Europe via Vancouver B.C."—due Vancouver B.C. 27th December, and "Europe via Vancouver B.C."—due Vancouver B.C. 27th December.

Shanghai and Japan Athos II Fri., Dec. 10, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong Canton Fri., Dec. 10, 2 p.m.
Swatow Taksang Fri., Dec. 10, 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 10th December.

Reg., Fri., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Ord., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
G. P. O.Reg., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Ord., Dec. 11, 6 a.m.
G. P. O.Reg., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Ord., Dec. 11, 6 a.m.
G. P. O.Reg., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Ord., Dec. 11, 6 a.m.
G. P. O.Reg., Fri., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Ord., Fri., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
G. P. O.Reg., Sat., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., Sat., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
G. P. O.Reg., Sat., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., Sat., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
G. P. O.

Reg., Sat., Dec. 1



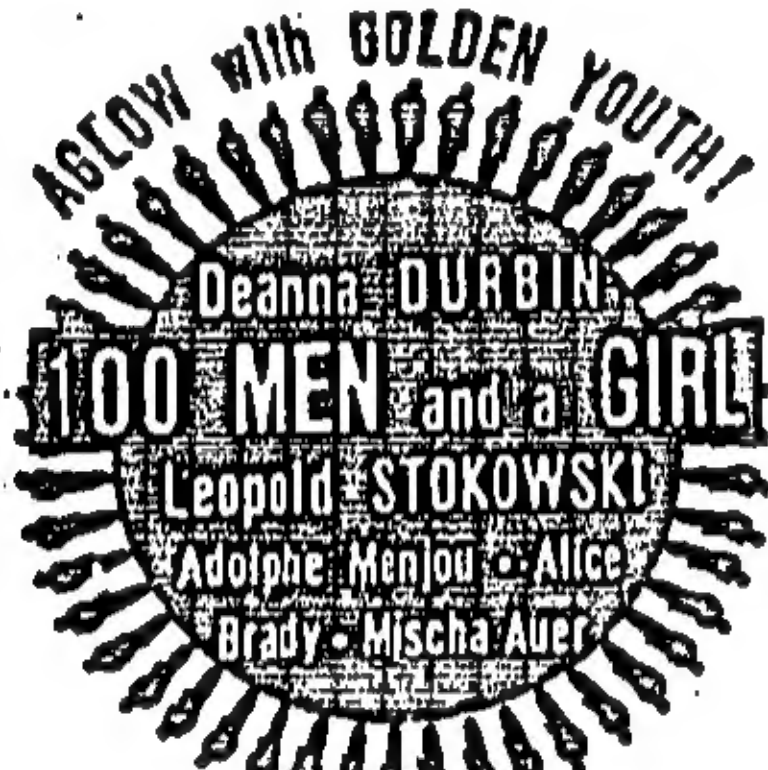
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CHINESE HOLD TRUMPS

Important Role Of Public Opinion

"Japan has lost the war whatever happens, and China has all the trump cards in her hands with a sporting chance of winning her struggle," was the opinion of a representative of the London Daily Telegraph and the Morning Post in the course of an exclusive interview with an S. C. M. Post representative on his arrival from Hankow by plane yesterday.

"During my stay in Hankow I met nearly all the important Chinese Cabinet Ministers and representatives of all shades of Chinese public opinion. From these many conversations I have gained a most clear and definite impression, or even certainty, that in this present Government unity is complete and the will to resist is as strong after the recent setbacks as at the beginning of the war not only because they have no choice but also because they understand, and I fully share that view, that (a) Japan has lost the war whatever is going to happen, and (b) China has all the trump cards in her hands and she has to-day a good sporting chance of winning her struggle.

"It is important to remember when one speaks of the situation in China," he continued, "that the basis of the present Government is much wider and larger than people think. There is a large organisation, the name of which I am not at liberty to disclose, which is representative of all important sections of China's body politic, including the so-called Communists, Fascists and Socialists. That body is consulted in all important matters, and while Chiang Kai-shek has demonstrated his strength in spite of the loss of the best part of his divisions, the last changes of government and the reshuffle of the Cabinet, he depends to a very great extent on the advice and opinion, not only of the Kuomintang but Chinese public opinion as a whole.

CHINA'S TWO ALLIES
"No-one ever expected China to win this war on the battlefield. China has two great allies, distance and the economic difficulties facing Japan. One instance of the unity of China was given to me when I had a short talk with Szechuen soldiers in Hankow. I asked them what they had come from their province for and the answer they gave was: 'To fight for China.'"

"Chinese public opinion, which forced China into the successful revolution of 1911, and was the moving force behind the Sian incident, is to-day sufficiently strong to main-

tain the war of resistance in spite of reverses and against the will of a Government which would be inclined to come to terms with Japan," he asserted.

"From conversations with various ministers I gained the impression they are prepared for the worst, including a further advance of Japanese troops and the establishment of a puppet government, yet they are convinced at the same time that such developments cannot break the Chinese will of resistance but will, in the long run, defeat the Japanese. "The Japanese problem is essentially an agrarian problem. Japan is a country which has been living for the last ten years beyond her means. She is in a vicious circle. The poverty of the Japanese farmers, caused by exaggerated military expenditure, has itself an influence on the Japanese army which is mainly composed of the sons of landlords and of farmers. That in turn compels the country to pile up sufficient armaments and to embark on adventures like the present. No matter how successful Japan will be and no matter what she will do in the occupied part of China, it can never be a paying proposition from the point of view of Japanese economy. If she gets hold of the Customs revenue it will diminish; if on the other hand she will depend on taxation income from that part of China which has been already heavily taxed by the war she will be unable to find the necessary purchasing power.

LOSS OF MARKETS
"At the same time she has lost a great deal of her export markets which will be difficult to recover because of the mounting cost of living in Japan; while she will be still forced, in view of the danger coming from the north, to pile up reserves of raw materials and armaments to prepare for an emergency much more serious than the present.

"Therefore time and distance are working in favour of China, and I am firmly convinced of the unity of the Chinese people, a unity based not only on sentiment but on the peculiar political set-up which makes it impossible for any part of the Chinese body politic to stop resisting. "Japan will see very soon that she is in the position of an American stock exchange speculator in 1929 who had paper victories but after the 1929 crash had them turned into losses. Japan has paper victories which are not negotiable securities. The one can add to that the fact that the democratic Powers are solidly behind China, and that experience has proved over and over again that Japan was never able to keep the fruits of her victories, neither in 1904, nor in 1905 nor after the acceptance of the 21 demands by Yuan Shi-kai, simply because she was always too fast ahead of her goal and real possibilities.

LASTING PEACE IN PACIFIC
"Chinese victory means one thing—the reduction of Japan's conditions to such a level that lasting peace can

GERMANY FEELING HER WAY

Dr. Trautman To Meet Leaders

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

Shanghai, Dec. 7.

Reliable diplomatic sources told United Press that they were of the opinion that the German Ambassador to China, Dr. Oscar Trautman, was at present "feeling his way" in Chinese circles in Hankow toward peace talks, which possibly would start after the capture by the Japanese of Nanking if he could find some Chinese group willing to negotiate. The same sources believed that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek gave a point-blank refusal to Dr. Trautman's recent visit to Nanking. Therefore the German is now feeling out Mr. Wang Ching-wei (Chairman of the National Central Political Council), a long-time advocate of non-resistance. Mr. Wang Ching-wei's attitude is not known, although recently he officially urged China to stand firm.

Well informed sources suggested that if negotiations developed Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, due to his resolute opposition, might be pushed from the picture. In many quarters it is felt that Marshal Chiang's faction, although it has gained prestige among the Chinese masses, is vulnerable if not yet actually in a dangerous position, since "Chiang's own" army, on which his power primarily based, has been largely decimated. Diplomats suggested that Dr. Trautman may possibly also approach the former Foreign Minister, Mr. Chang Chun, who is now Secretary-General of the Central Political Council, and General Ho Ying-ching (the Minister of War) who are often mentioned as disagreeing with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

It is not believed that the feelers have developed enough to touch on concrete terms for peace.—United Press.

be established in the Pacific. That would mean a considerable weakening of Japan and a very considerable strengthening of unity in China, which would mean, in turn, providing that China will be able to maintain her political unity for the war, an age of great economic prosperity for China in which Japan will be able to share.

"I fully recognise the military weakness of China and I am also fully aware of the complete and definite military victory of Japan, but military victory and military defeat are not equivalent to complete victory and complete defeat."

INQUEST FOLLOWS SHOOTING

Policeman's Shots Killed Cook

The inquest on Ho Ban, 38, a cook, who was shot by a constable while allegedly resisting arrest on August 13, was continued before Mr. K. Keen and a Jury comprising Messrs. J. D. Minihett (Foreman), Yu Tse-chiu and Hung Chiu-lu, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday.

Mr. R. H. E. Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Inspector E. G. Post, were present for the police.

Chung Ki, 43, a coolie, said that on the morning of August 13 he had been attracted to a cigarette shop in Canton Road by noises and a large crowd. He saw the deceased quarrelling with the woman in charge of the shop over one cent, which was alleged by him to have been paid for two cigarettes and which the woman said she had not received.

When witness tried to pacify them, he was struck in the back, and turning, he caught hold of a man. This man, a companion of the deceased, broke loose and ran away, but was chased and caught.

Chinese P. C. 78 came up and was told what had happened. The woman also pointed out the deceased, who was now across the road, as the man who had attempted to strike her husband. The constable went over to him, followed by witness and his prisoner and a number of other people. Deceased, who was standing outside a joss paper shop, refused to come with the constable to the police station.

POLICE KICKED
The constable tried to arrest him, and a struggle ensued, in which both men fell down just inside the shop. A bystander ran up to help the policeman, and then witness' prisoner broke loose and kicked the constable.

Witness seized him again, and saw deceased get up and go towards the back of the shop. The constable and his helper followed, the constable blowing his whistle. A few minutes later witness heard two shots, and shortly after that the policeman and his helper returned. The policeman telephoned and a squad of police arrived.

Deceased's wife, who had seen the fight, declared that the constable had struck her husband with a truncheon when he would not come to the station. She said she had seen her husband shot by the policeman, but he did not threaten the constable with a chopper, as was alleged. The hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15.

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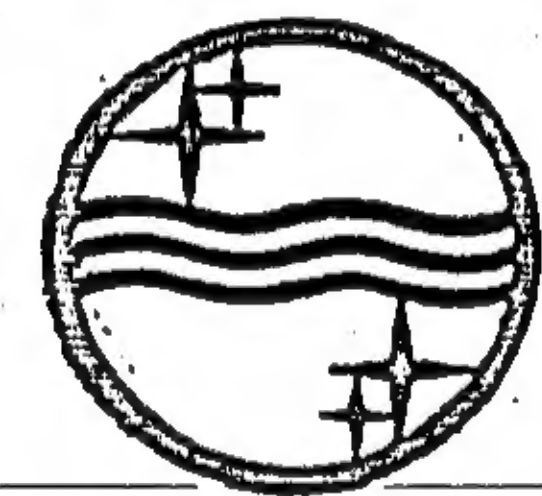
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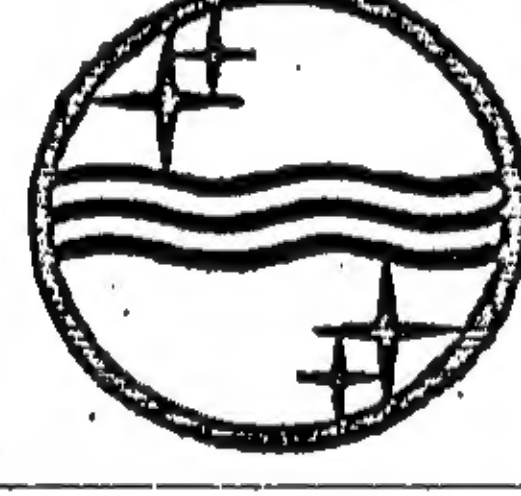
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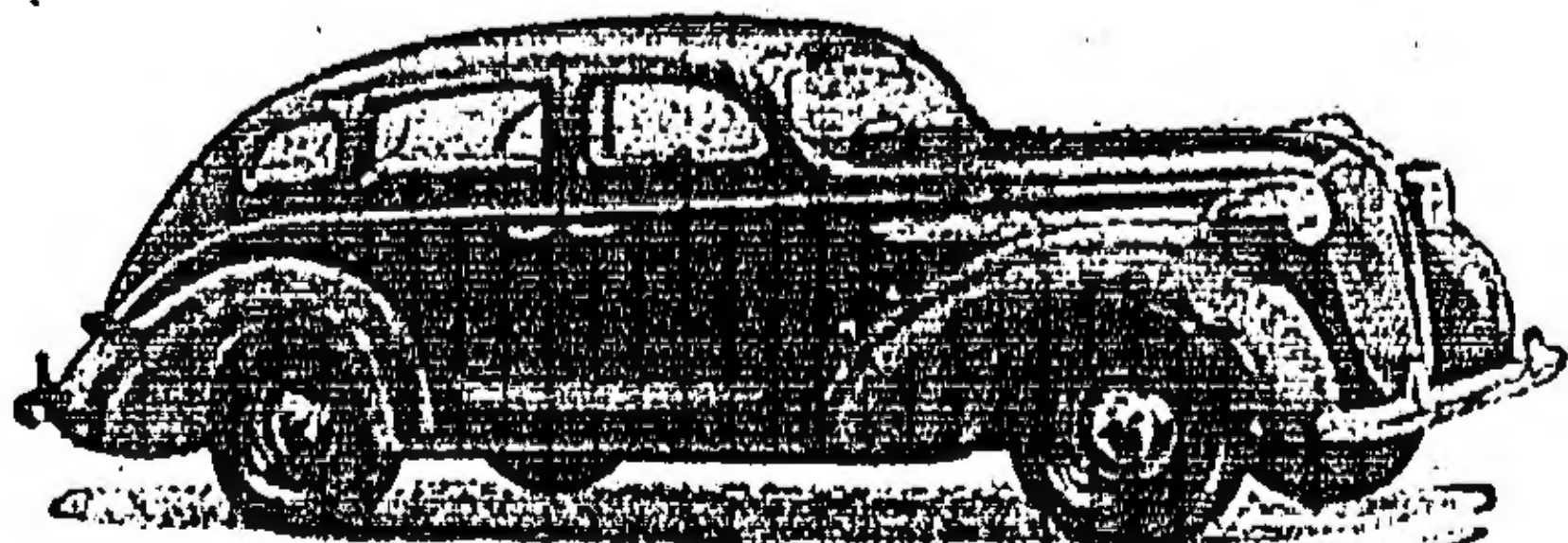
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HOPE DIES HARD

There is a feeling abroad that international affiliations in Europe may be undergoing change. It is hardly conceivable that any alignment could be more dangerous than that which exists to-day, and there is therefore reason for optimism. If a grain of comfort can be found in the fact that any change is likely to mean more security, it is there for the chewing; but it is an unsatisfactory sort of meal.

It would be senseless to deny the underlying menace contained in such agreements as the anti-Comintern Pact between Germany, Italy and Japan. True, it is ostensibly a defensive arrangement, and as such adds little to the general apprehensiveness. But to Russia it must convey a particular significance. To Italy and Germany, on the other hand, the former military understanding between Britain, France and Belgium must have had the appearance of a cloud on the horizon even when days were at their brightest. Given a general muddling of international affairs, with civil wars and hectic politics creating the tension to be expected from them, the Anglo-Franco-Belgian alignment must have been a nightmare to certain statesmen further east in Europe. When France, added Russia to her already powerful and potent list of potential allies—even though the agreement was solely defensive—the shock naturally stimulated her neighbours to look for a means of countering this diplomatic thrust. And so out of the chaos that is Europe the Rome-Berlin axis was born; no love child, but a creature of stark necessity in the eyes of its creators.

The later development of the anti-Comintern alliance, bringing to Germany's side two decidedly belligerent states, added to the consternation of the chancelleries. One can imagine the statesmen's feelings as they realised the trend, the rushing of sympathetic peoples into the opposing camps, the piling up of armaments on both sides, the dreadful spectre of civil war in more than one country in consequence of the disturbed political life and the feeding of the fires by propagandists. One can almost see them groping for a solution. It must have become clear to them that their previous course was leading towards disaster. Someone, it may have been Lord Halifax, suddenly hit upon the idea of working in an exactly opposite direction. In any event it was Lord Halifax who went to Germany and had certain talks with Herr Hitler which gave both London and Berlin some reassurance. If, as a result of this beginning, Britain and Germany together can bridge the abyss between the opposing factions in Europe—whose alliances spread around the world, it would seem—they will have accomplished much for civilisation. For there have been times when it appeared that the weight of circumstances would topple the nations into that abyss on the edge of which they walked precariously.

There is nothing more destructive to peace of mind than uncertainty. Economically and politically the world has suffered from this state of things for far too long. If only it could be assured that all armaments are defensive, that all alliances are protective, that neutrality could only be offended by direct attack, how much simpler the efforts of the diplomats in Europe and in the Far East. It is not going too far to say that there is more hope now that Germany and Britain are apparently trying to remove old hazards.



"It is in the back streets that the Army finds its true expression." Left, General Eva Booth, the leader.

Street-corner
ARMY

BABY was just a few months old. It was chubby, bright-eyed and lively, fascinated by the banner of "Blood and Fire" under which its grandmother held it.

Said that grandmother to the young parents as they stood before an audience of 1,700 people:

"Are you willing that it should spend all its life for God wherever He may choose to send it and not withhold it at any time from such hardship, suffering, want or sacrifice as true devotion to the service of Christ and the Salvation Army may entail?"

And the young mother replied that she was willing.

Thus the fourth generation of Booths was dedicated.

It is seven years since I witnessed that scene at the Regent Hall, London, but it has remained as vivid as another scene which I also witnessed.

This time it was not the baptism, but the death of a Salvationist.

A COMMISSIONER had a heart attack at a meeting. He was dying. Grey-haired and venerable colleagues knelt beside him praying fervently, tearfully for his life.

"He has gone," whispered the officer, who had his arms around him.

With that, those sixty Salvation veterans, the tears still on their cheeks, but smiles upon their lips, rose, shouted joyfully, shook hands with each other as for a great victory.

"Praise God," they cried as one.

"He has been promoted to Glory."

What manner of men and women are these who are willing that their children should be martyred and who welcome death with a smile of triumph?

WHAT is this Salvation Army, which since William Booth first gave it its little 60 years ago, has carried the banner of Blood and Fire into 90 countries, has preached the Gospel in 87 languages, and has fulfilled a great social work in every corner of the earth?

Like the vast majority of its officers and "soldiers," the Army belongs to the common-people. It is recruited almost entirely from the working-classes.

It was born in the squalor and misery of the East End of London, where William Booth, the Methodist minister, had established the Christian Mission. It was brotherhood of poverty and mutual provision.

If the well-to-do helped it, it was because it was a saviour to the conscience of 19th Century Industrialism.

The "Darkest England" movement which launched its social work was a crusade against social abuses. True, it treated the symptoms and not the causes.

It went after the drunkard, rather than the slums and drudgery out of which drink was

a "short-cut." It sought sin in the individual and not in the system.

But it did, and is still doing, incalculable good in helping, spiritually and morally, those who might have sunk, pitifully, in the sludge of social injustice.

Essentially, it was the poor helping the poor.

And to-day it is the same type of humble men and women who are carrying on the real work of the Army.

It is now a great organisation. Its General and the Commissioners are "Elder Statesmen" who meet in solemn council.

But it is among the self-sacrificing "soldiers," bending the tambourine, or among the obscure "officers" in the back-streets of the slums, that the Army, perhaps, finds its true expression.

Think of the Army, not as the elaborately stage-managed setting for some spectacular, albeit inspired, leader, but as an organisation made up of little groups that you see at the street corners.

The Salvation "ladies," in their poke bonnets; the "soldiers," in their uniforms (they have to pay for them), maybe just a cap and a jersey; the young, earnest, lieutenant, just out of training college, leading the songs; the captain, struggling to build up his "corps."

The "soldiers" are the local volunteers. The captain and lieutenant are paid officers.

Officers are recruited from the

STORIES OF STRANGE FINDS

IN a recent issue of the *Shetland Times* the following strange story appeared:—A Shetland woman, working in the garden, lost a ring. Intensive search proving unavailing, she gave it up as lost.

The sequel was surprising in the extreme. Twelve months later she was preparing potatoes for dinner when, cutting a curiously shaped specimen, she was amazed to find inside of it the long lost ring.

Strange finds of this nature are not as rare as might be supposed. From collected cuttings of the past few years the following amazing stories are gleaned.

There is the case of the lost war medal. A British officer just after the war dropped one of his decorations into the sea and gave it up as lost. Thirteen years later the P. & O. liner *Bendigo* weighed anchor at Malta. In the mud clinging to the anchor was the medal. It belonged to Captain Yates of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He met the liner at Port Said, where the war decoration was returned to him.

Another story is taken from an American newspaper. This also concerns a ring, the property of a Mr. Emmett Williams, a farmer of Wareville, Georgia, U.S.A.

One night he trapped a mouse in his corn crib and received the surprise of his life. The dead mouse had around his body, so tightly wedged that it was difficult to remove, the ring that had eluded search.

If this story sounds "too American," here is one from Devonshire. A farmer brought his bride to church, but at the critical point in the service he could not find the

wedding ring, though he was certain it had been put safely in his waistcoat pocket when he left home.

After an agonising search the clergyman advised him to borrow a ring from a member of the congregation. This was done, and the wedding proceeded.

Twelve months later the parish church gardener found the missing ring. He had discovered a nest of field mice, and there the now rather dullest golden circlet was. The farmer bridegroom had dropped it, and the ring had been claimed later as building material by mice.

Lost Locomotive

The strangest loss of recent years perhaps is that of a locomotive that went missing.

For days the officials of the New South Wales local line searched for it high and low. Then somebody found it behind some buildings in a brick field.

Strangely enough, it had run away in the night and gone off the lines at the very spot where all its working life it had delivered truck loads of bricks. It was as if a horse or a dog had found its way home.

Old-fashioned stories which used to adorn fiction concerning marbles and other birds carrying off trinkets of great value and causing innocent people to be suspected of crime are not nearly as unlikely as they seem.

Only last year a Norfolk farmer lost his watch, to discover it again when a nest fell from off the roof of his house.

After this we shall think twice before criticising the use of coin-

volunteers. Young men or women, (between 18 and 25) who, having been converted, and having given voluntary service in some local corps, are prepared to give up their jobs (they must not be unemployed), and "follow the flag," can go to the training college at Camberwell as cadets.

For ten months they undergo an intensive course, not only in gospel teaching and evangelism, but in social work, music, general education, and "Orders and Regulations."

SOME 300 cadets pass through the college every year, "living-in" as at a university, but giving unsparingly of time and service. And, when at last they are considered properly equipped, they have a strange "graduation ceremony" at the Albert Hall.

They march into the hall to receive their "Marching Orders." They do not know, until their commissions are handed to them, where they are going.

It may be to Thurso or to Penzance. It may be to a corps in their own town, or to one hundreds of miles away. Some may be sent abroad, but they will have been, at least, consulted and probably specially trained, beforehand.

They may be sent out as "field officers" or as social workers. Of the Army's 20,000 officers, about 20,000 are "in the field." That is, they are evangelists, preachers, pastors.

The rest are social workers looking after settlements and homes, doing work as probation officers, marriage - mendors, caring for drunkards, unmarried mothers, orphans, or old, neglected people. They are concerned with souls, but also with bodies in which these souls are being tortured.

The Army would resent it if I distinguished between the two as "The Spiritual" and "The Practical." It would say that both were spiritual.

It is a career of self-sacrifice although one large-hearted Salvation Army woman officer, the other day, said to me:

"We are really most selfish people. We do it because it gives us so much satisfaction."

An officer forswears all worldly amusements. He or she does not smoke or drink, go to dances, cinemas, theatres, or places of public amusement, be "dressed," or "flirtatious."

OFFICERS cannot marry outside the Army. If a young man is engaged before he enters the Army, his fiancée must also take the course and qualify as an officer.

If he falls in love, after he is an officer, he must go to permission to become engaged. The girl must be a Salvationist or be prepared to become one.

"The needs of the War" are above all human desire," said an officer to me, when I remonstrated about this. "Each must be a proper helpmate to the other."

A married officer, without children, gets furnished quarters, a minimum of 25s. a week and a maximum of 35s., although he may make a little more as the "news-agent" for "The War Cry." His corps is expected to yield him his salary, but the first charge is always the buildings, rates, taxes, etc. If the corps cannot, headquarters steps in.

An officer with three children at school gets a minimum of 38s. and a maximum of 48s. a week.

The Territorial Commander is bound to bring the amount up to the minimum.

Promotions mean small increments. The scales (which are higher in the U.S., New Zealand and Australia than in this country) have been fixed by the economic level of the people around them. The Army officers must remain poor amidst poverty.

NOW the Field Officer, such as the commander of a local corps, has a full day. He must go visiting throughout the day, sitting by the sick, comforting the wretched, doing good by stealth. He must hold outdoor meetings and his "citadel" must be open every evening for worship.

On Saturday he must go round the public-houses selling "The War Cry."

Bandmen are all volunteers. They, too, must take the vows of self-denial, and shun all worldly pleasures.

Promotion is normally by length of service, although the higher commands are selected by the General, who can also advance an exceptional officer, regardless of service.

A telegram may transfer an officer from Chipping Norton to Devil's Island. "Marching Orders" must be obeyed.

The Army marches on.

To-day's Thought

No pain, no gain; no thorns, no crown; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.

—WILLIAM PENN.

vidence by novellists. We shall probably reflect also that the only thing that never turns up again is the money we lose.

Arthur T. Rich.

COMMENCING MR. T. PAUL GREGORY'S

Personalities Of Old Hongkong

JAMES LEGGE, D. D., LL. D.

OF all the cities in the Orient, Hongkong has been the residence of an imposing galaxy of talented individuals, who, by their versatility and plodding endeavour have earned for themselves the reward of merited and enduring fame. One of those who made our Colony his home during a long sojourn of thirty years in the Far East was Dr. James Legge, the learned Sinologist and Orientalist. Perhaps no one has contributed more than he towards paving the way for the cordial understanding between China and the West; for his translation of and commentary upon the corpus of the "Chinese Classics"—a herculean labour entirely conceived and executed in Hongkong—have been the means of penetrating the veil of stygian darkness which formerly obscured China and all things Chinese. Indeed, so painstaking and accurate was his work that it is to-day yet held to be the standard, and is justly regarded as the *vade mecum* for all those who seek to gain a comprehensive insight into the mode of thought of the Chinese; and, especially the "Four Books" of the great Sages, Confucius and Mencius, are in reality the foundation of Chinese ethics, and, moreover, were until quite recent years, the corner-stone upon which the entire structural fabric of the Chinese system of education was laid.

James Legge was born at Huntly, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and like many a Caledonian lad before and since, early hearkened to the call of the East, so that we first find him at the age of 24 labouring as an instructor in the Anglo-Chinese school at Malacca. His few months of Chinese study under the tutelage of Prof. Kidd at the University of London had fired him with a desire to thoroughly master the written language of these teeming millions of Asia, and although Malacca had a considerable Chinese population, they were largely merchants and petty traders who had little knowledge to impart to a man of Legge's impetuous ardour and commendable assiduity, so that there fore he determined after some years of more or less restricted, if not bootless effort, to transfer the field of his labours to a more congenial and profitable environment—Hongkong.

Dr. Legge arrived in Hongkong with his family in May 1843, and as he said in his own words some thirty years later, "I have not forgotten the sensations of delight with which, when we had passed Green Island, I contemplated the ranges of hills on the north and the south, embosomed between them the tranquil waters of the bay. I seemed to feel that I had found at last the home for which I had left Scotland." Little do we realise at the present day that at that time the decision to make Hongkong a place of European residence was truly a momentous one; for the newly dedicated Colony enjoyed during the first decade or so of its existence the invidious reputation of being the most unhealthy spot on the globe, and many a Briton of that era questioned the wisdom of Her Majesty's counsellors for retaining such a barren, insalubrious and inauspicious island which was nothing more nor less than one vast cemetery. Indeed, so dreaded was the place at that time, that when the Colony in the early forties were "thankful to Providence" that they had managed to come out alive, and that if the truth were generally known no sane human being would dare to make Hongkong his home; for in this fever-ridden spot life was so uncertain that of the graves dug each morning, none knew who would be the occupant before nightfall." Legge himself remarked: "Although I was charmed with the general appearance of the place, and the energy that was manifest in laying out the ground and pushing on building, I found many of the residents oppressed with gloom because of its unhealthiness." As we look back upon that period now nearing the century mark, we can scarcely comprehend the feelings of those early citizens, and we are amazed that the

name "Hongkong fever" was at one time a term defined in medical dictionaries; yet when we consider that the real cause of malaria was still unknown, and that sanitary arrangements of the infant Colony were negligible with open drains everywhere, we are not at all surprised at the wastage of human lives; for under such conditions "an atmosphere of disease, which only the strongest constitutions and prudent living were able to resist, might be said to envelop the inhabitants day and night."

Dr. Legge was, however, not a man to be deterred by even such a melancholy portrayal; for he truly foresaw that the Colony was destined to enjoy a great future, and that by temperate living the span of human life would be just as great as in England or in America. In fact, the mortality statistics of Hongkong attest that after the first decade, conditions improved enormously with the advent of a better supply of water, and the planting of trees and vegetation on the erstwhile barren island. Indeed, the death rate for foreign residents, not including the military, averaged from 1860-1870 a little over four per cent, whilst in 1868 an exceptional year, the mortality rate was slightly under 2 per cent, a rate said to be much lower than that prevailing in England at that date.

In the first directories of the Colony we find that Dr. Legge is mentioned as a minister of the London Missionary Society with headquarters in Hollywood Road. Indeed, it was due largely to his vision and patient, steady work that the Society was enabled to accomplish so much good amongst the Chinese people of Kwantung. He realised, however, that in order to gain converts much depended upon the formation of a native clergy, and with this end in view he established a theological seminary in 1848 for the training of Chinese boys for the Christian ministry. This institution he carried on for years with unflinching zeal, until he finally saw that the students that he so carefully instructed and provided for, did not seem inclined to become humble and self-denying preachers of the Gospel; but on the other hand availed themselves of their English education to secure for themselves more lucrative posts as clerks in either the Government service or else in the foreign mercantile establishments. It was, therefore, with great reluctance that he was forced to abandon this fleeting hope of the speedy evangelisation of the hinterland; but soon the opportunity afforded itself of joining with the Government in the founding of the Central School, which continued in

existence for many years until it finally merged into the present Queen's College. Another institution of modern Hongkong—the Union Church in Kennedy Road owes its inception to Dr. Legge. Indeed, the beginning was in a very humble way, and arose out of the doctor's wont of holding Sunday services in the drawing-room of his residence. So large did the congregation that flocked to hear his preaching become that in 1854 it became imperative that more spacious quarters should be sought, so a meeting-house was erected at the corner of Peel and St. James' streets. This edifice continued to serve the religious needs of a considerable portion of the community until 1886 when it was demolished and the church moved to its present site.

Of course, the greatest accomplishment of Dr. Legge's sojourn was the translation of the "Chinese Classics." This monumental task of profound erudition was commenced with only in his residence here, and was finally completed in the year 1856, although it was not printed until five years later. Indeed, it was only through the generosity of Mr. Joseph Jardine of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. who kindly consented to defray the costs of publication that it became possible for the seven volumes of the work to be given to the world at all. The admirable translation received the acclaim of savants everywhere, and Dr. Legge's reputation as a Sinologist was firmly established. Indeed, so secure were his laurels that upon the eve of his impending retirement from the Colony in 1875, his admirers amongst the merchant community contributed to the founding of a Chair of Chinese Language and Literature at Oxford University with the express proviso that he should be the first occupant. This professorship was filled by him until his death at Oxford on November 27, 1897.

In conclusion, one might say that few men have been firmer believers in the greatness of our Colony and in his words uttered shortly before he left our shores ring a prophetic note: "When I try to pierce into the future, I see a railway from Kowloon to Canton. I see a trunk line from Hongkong to Canton, and branch lines connecting with it from the great provinces of the west, and from Cheeking and Fukien on the east. I see this island the natural outlet to all Europe, and by the Pacific lines to the United States, for the mineral wealth and various produce of one half the great Chinese nation. I see itself the home of a happy population, three times more numerous than the present, and foremen and Chinese dwelling together in mutual appreciation."



Dr. James Legge.

Flies Solve Secrets Of Life

LOVE and hate, fear and confidence, are transmitted from one individual to another by waves in the ether: this is the conclusion drawn by Professor A. M. Low after months of experiments with flies.

The experiments have been simple. Two communities of flies were placed in two quart glass boxes a few feet apart. Both communities grew and bred at exactly the same rate.

Then Professor Low put a filament of pink gelatine over the box. The flies in that box bred at a much reduced rate.

Simultaneously there was an equal decline in growth and breeding among the other fly community.

TESTS WITH MICE
"My experiments led me to believe," Professor Low told the Sunday Chronicle, "that one community of insects is affected by the other and that emanations travel from one to the other by short-waves in the ether."

"What is true of insects, life may reasonably be true of the highest forms of life, up to man himself. If you are in sympathy with someone who wishes you well, you will do well by virtue of the 'favourable' oscillations that are sent out."

"In the same way, anyone who wishes you evil may bring you misfortune."

As with individuals so with nations. If people think and talk war the whole atmosphere is charged with war fear."

Professor Low is now testing his theory with mice communities.

Nine Years Motor Show Record Broken

ATTENDANCES for the first three days of the Motor Show at Earl's Court, London, were 62,311, against 59,020 last year.

In addition, there were several thousand as guests of men visitors on the first day. The attendance the first Saturday was 39,060, against 34,247 last year, the best "first Saturday" since 1928.

Orders were brisk. Prince Michael of Rumania, through an agent, bought a 2445 sports saloon, finished in gunmetal. A man who ordered another car from a stand found a replica waiting outside his home three hours after he had left Earl's Court.

Antioch Points With Pride
Yellow Springs, O.
Antioch College claims to be the first American college to employ a woman professor on equal terms with men. In the first Antioch catalogue, issued in 1853, Miss Rebecca Pennell was listed as professor of natural and civil history.

REFUSED ORDER TO RETURN TO RUSSIA
Another well-known Russian scientist, a physicist named Gennoff, has been expelled from the Academy of the Sciences for refusing to obey an order to return to Russia.

HOCK VINTAGE
This year's hock vintage is expected to produce first-class wine owing to the favourable weather conditions which have prevailed throughout the year, states a message from Ruedesheim, Rhine.

RADIO BROADCAST

Mozart and Haydn Trios From the Studio

AMATEUR EXPERTS

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (9.52 m.c.s.). H.K.T.

12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Beethoven—Sonata in F Minor, Op. 87 (Appassionata); Played by Frederic Lamond (Piano).

12.40 Barnabas Von Geary and His Orchestra.

Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Ruxner); Fresh Breezes (Boorchert); In Merry Mood (Harringer); Monks (Kouscher).

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.02 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

I Was Anything But Sentimental (Film "Take My Tip"); The Charm School—Selection; To Beat The Band—Selection; You Never Looked So Beautiful; You (Film "The Great Zig-zag"); Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends; Huddling Over; Moonbeams; Dance (Carroll Gibbons); According To The Moonlight; It's An Old Southern Custom (Yellen and Meyer); Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.

1.40 Reuter and Rugby Press: Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety.

Orchestra—Whispers At The Dance (from Meyer-Helmund's Lied); Maria Mari (du Capue); Serge Krish Septet; Vocal—No. 10 (Hobbs, Ingraham); You're Not The Kind (Hudson, Mills); Frances Faye; Clarinet—Memphis Blues (Handy) Somebody's Wrong (Ursell); Erna Pettauer; Vocal and Piano—My Piano And Me... Turner Layton; Saxophone—I Have Lost My Heart In Budapest (Mihaly, Selmer); My Kingdom For A Kiss (Warren, Dublin); Raymond Baird; Organ—Film Hits... Sidney Torch.

2.15 Close Down.

4.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 New Light Symphony Orchestra and Keith Falkner (Harmonium).

Monastery Bells (Wely); The Mill In The Forest (Ellenberg); Barcarolle (Taies Of Hoffmann—Ottobach); Cavalleria Rusticana—Intermezzo (Mascagni); Orchestra; Had A Horse; Shepherd; See Thy Horse's Foaming Mane (Hungarian Folk Songs—Korbay); A Song Doesn't Care (Film "Mayfair Melody"); Solenn Melody (Walford Davies); Cavatina (Raff); Orchestra.

7.30 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market.

7.35 Variety.

Organ—Famous Tauber Melodies; Harold (Ellenberg); Vocal—A Little Dash Of Dublin (Film "Peg of Old Drury"); Kiss Me Goodnight (Greer, Green); Anna Neagle (Soprano); Banjo—Melodies of Yesterday; On A Southern Plantation... Ken Harvey with Piano accompaniment; Orchestra—Raisin' The Rent; Happy As The Day Is Long (from "The Cotton Club" Review); Paul Whiteman presents Roy Bargy and Ramona (Piano).

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio-Trio: Prue Lewis (Violin), Elora Pellegrini (Cello) and Lindsay Laflor (Piano).

1. The No. 1 in G Major (Haydn); Andante; Poco Andagio; Rondo All Ongarese; 2. Andante from Trio No. 1 (Mozart); 3. Allegro from Trio in F Major (Lafleur).

8.38 Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

Edward (Corder and Loewe); The Midnight Review (Glinka); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard and Knight).

8.45 London Relay—"World Affairs."

A talk by The Right Hon. Sir Malcolm MacDonald, C.M.G., K.C.S.I.

9.00 Studio-Series of talks "Amateur Experts": R. E. Lindsell on "Bridge."

9.10 Variety.

Organ—"Curly Top"—Film Selection; Broadway Melody of 1936; Film Selection... Reginald Dixon; Vocal—Jim A Fool For Loving You (Wendling-Lewis); Lost My Rhythm, Lost My Music, Lost My Man (Film "Soft lights and sweet music".... Dinah Miller (The Personality Girl); Banjo—A Musical Journey From New York To California; The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise (Selts); Ken Harvey.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts "H.M.S. Pinafore"—Selection.... The B. C. Theatre Orchestra; The Mikado; The Criminal Cried... A. Davies; H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield and Chorus; See How The Fates... D. Fancourt, B. Lewis, A. Davies, H. A. Lytton and L. Sheffield; The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring... D. Oldham, H. A. Lytton; Alone, And Yet Alive... Bertha Lewis (Contralto); On A Tree... Henry Lytton (Baritone); There Is Beauty... B. Lewis and H. A. Lytton; For He's Gone And Married Yum-Yum... (Continued on Page 10)

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HEIRS TO ABDUL THE DAMNED

Palestine Claim Succeeds: 250,000 Acres Involved

Jerusalem.
A legal decision was given on Nov. 18 in a test case concerning vast estates in Palestine, Iraq and Cyprus, formerly belonging to Abdul Hamid, the late Sultan of Turkey—the notorious Abdul the Damned. Included in the estates are the entire rich Mosul oil-fields.

The Sultan's rule extended over Palestine until Turkey's defeat. In the war and the creation of the mandated territory. His heirs now seek to recover the Sultan's state domains, running to 250,000 acres, and, in addition, properties in Cyprus and Iraq.

The Palestine Government against whom the suit is brought, hold that the Sultan's rights were extinguished by law.

The test case in which the decision was given began in the Jaffa Land court last May when the heirs claimed from the Palestine Government lands of an acreage of 1,250, at Muhrinka, a village near Gaza.

A BRITISH JUDGE
The Court, consisting of a British Presiding Judge, Mr. P. E. F. Cressal, and an Arab, Aziz Bey Daoudi, found that the onus was on the Palestine Government to prove its title to the property.

As the judges did not agree whether the onus had been discharged, judgment was entered in favour of the heirs.

There include 14 princesses. Unless this judgment is reversed on appeal, claims will be entered in respect of the other property.

In April, 1930, a claim against Italy for property worth £200,000 in Italian North Africa failed. Eight months later a claim involving £16,000,000 against Britain met with a similar fate.

"Abdul the Damned"—the Sultan Abdul Hamid—whose palaces and seraglios on the shores of the Bosphorus were famous for their lavish appointments, was born in 1842, and died in 1918. He ruled over the Ottoman Empire from 1876 until his deposition in 1909.

'Six R's' Keep People From Church

The Rev. Carl Schultz, of the Hyannis First Church, of Hyannis, Mass., blames the "six R's" for dwindling church attendance.

Here they are—Rest, Radio, Hiding, Relatives, Roomers (boarders), and Rum.

Buffalo Skull On Licenses

Billings, Mont.
The buffalo skull used as a signature by Charles Russell, late western artist, will be used in place of the dash on the 1938 Montana license plates. Russell's drawing in reproduced exactly in a simple plate, even to the broken nostril hole on the skull.

Older Aliens Get Papers

Billings, Mont.
A rise in the general age level of citizenship applicants was noted here as 69 aliens became citizens after passing examinations. The age level rose, court officials said, was probably due to the desire to qualify for old-age assistance benefits.

Another well-known Russian scientist, a physicist named Gennoff, has been expelled from the Academy of the Sciences for refusing to obey an order to return to Russia.

HOCK VINTAGE
This year's hock vintage is expected to produce first-class wine owing to the favourable weather conditions which have prevailed throughout the year, states a message from Ruedesheim, Rhine.

DARK BLUES TRIUMPH IN ANNUAL CLASSIC

FIRST RUGGER SUCCESS OVER CAMBRIDGE SINCE 1934

London, Dec. 7. Before an attendance of 40,000, which included His Majesty the King, Oxford revealed surprising form to defeat Cambridge by 17 points to four in the annual Inter-University rugby encounter at Twickenham to-day. This was Oxford's first victory since 1934.

Although they appeared to be the lighter and smaller side, the Dark Blues confounded the critics by being superior in all departments of the game. The deadly tackling of the three-quarters and the magnificent work of the forwards in the loose kept Cambridge on the defensive. The Cambridge backs spoiled movements by hurried passing, and their attackers were completely throttled and not given space to operate. Many movements were broken up before they developed.

The Oxford players deserved their victory, which may partly be attributed to Brett, the Oxford captain whose last-minute shuffling of the Oxford defence transferred H. D. Freakes from full back to the three-quarter line, which previously was inclined to be weak in defence.

It was just possible to see across the foggy pitch when W. N. Renwick, the Oxford 1-11 wing three-quarter, opened the scoring in the sixth minute. He gathered an awkwardly bouncing ball and scored an unconverted try.

Cooke, the scrum half, scored another try one minute before the interval, and this time Brett converted.

At half time, Oxford led 8-0. Mayhew, an Oxford forward, following up a long punt, scored an unconverted try in the second minute after resumption, to increase the Dark Blues' lead to 11-0.

Cambridge retaliated and Bruce Lockhart, the stand-off half, dropped a goal in the 24th minute. Seven minutes later, Mayhew beat three men and registered another try, which was not converted. Cooke completed the scoring in the last minute with a try, but the kick for the extra points again failed.—Reuter.

DONOGHUE RIDES HIS LAST RACE

Famous Jockey Retires

Manchester, Nov. 28. The world-famous cry "Come on Steve" will be no longer heard on the English turf, for with the closing of the 1937 season Steve Donoghue, Britain's "wizard of the turf," says good-bye to a jockey to become a trainer.

Donoghue, who is 53 years of age, finished third on Lord Derby's Highlander in his last race here yesterday. He was enthusiastically cheered.

The retiring jockey has won the Derby six times, and has ridden nearly 2,000 winners in his career. Last month Donoghue was entertained at a farewell dinner by his brother jockeys who presented him with a silver trophy bearing the inscription: "To our friend Steve as a token of respect and admiration." Donoghue's Derby winners were Pommern, Gay Crusader, Manna, Captain Cuttle, Humourist and Papyrus.—Reuter.

PROMISING AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS

Hassett And Lee Do Well

Melbourne, Nov. 16. A splendid innings of 127 not out by A. L. Hassett and a more restrained innings of 72 by I. Lee, the young left-hander, enabled Victoria to gain a comfortable victory by five wickets over New Zealand here to-day.

Hassett, a delightful free-scoring batsman, who finished second only to Bradman in the first-class averages last season, has quickly run into his best form.

In his first two innings in big cricket this season he has scored a total of 163 for once out. The selectors have already recognised his ability for he has been selected to play for Bradman's side against Richardson's team in the Testimonial match at Adelaide next week.

This match will be in the nature of a trial, and a good innings by Hassett should put him in the running for a place in the team for England. I. Lee, who has a solid defence and who did well against G. O. Allen's side, was well set when he had the misfortune to be run out. He did not give a chance during his innings, which included four boundaries.

Two young probabilities for the Australian team to tour England next summer, R. Gregory and E. Bromley, were in fine form during the game. Both are slow change bowlers and both took four wickets for 50 runs.



SPRINTING MARVEL—Stella Walsh, Polish-American sprinting marvel, poses on the deck of the Polish liner Batory, as she arrived in New York. She recently hung up four new world records in Poland and Germany, breaking the 10-year record for the 50-meter dash in 6.3 seconds, as well as the 60-meter, 100-yard dash and running broad jump marks.

LOUIS NOT RECOGNISED

BRITAIN'S RANKING Five Empire Vacancies



Joe Louis

London, (By Air Mail). The British Boxing Board of Control refuses to recognise Joe Louis as world heavyweight champion. It declares the title to be vacant.

The Board officially recognised the Tommy Farr-Max Schmeling contest—arranged for London and which did not take place—as for the world title, and consequently did not recognise the subsequent Louis-Farr fight in America.

About the five vacant Empire titles, the Board has decided that, in the event of a contest being arranged between the reigning champion of Great Britain and a Dominions boxer approved by the Board, the fight would be recognised as for the Empire championship.

The Board has also decided about the four vacant European titles, that in the event of a contest being arranged between a British champion and official whether or not he is recognised by the International Boxing Association, the bout would be for a European championship.

The Board's ranking list is as follows:

WORLD
Flyweight: Benny Lynch (Scotland).
Bantamweight: Harry Jeffra (America).
Featherweight: Pete Carron (America).
Welterweight: Barney Ross (America).
Middleweight: Fred Apostoli (America).
Light-heavyweight: John Henry Lewis (America).
Heavyweight: Vacant.

[Obviously Carron is no longer featherweight champion. He was stopped in six rounds eight days after the list was published in England. Apostoli is not regarded as middleweight champion. The B.B.B.C. grade him as such because of his t.k.o. of Marcel Thil at New York in September. Although Thil had been regarded as champion in France and Britain, his long abstention from fighting had induced the necessity for finding a successor. Ben Jeby, Vince Dundee and Teddy Yarnoz in turn held the title without a challenge from Thil; while Freddie Steele, who beat Hiko last year, is now champion. When Mike Jacobs promoted his "Carnival of Champions" in September, in which Thil was booked to meet Apostoli, the major commission in America would not allow the match to be designated a championship.]

BRITISH EMPIRE
Flyweight: Vacant. Bantamweight: Vacant. Featherweight: McGrory. Lightweight: Laurie Ste-

of about 12.12, but every ounce will be well applied. At trials the crew went chafed, and showed splendid watermanship, the boat running as steadily as a rock.

TENNIS

COMFORTABLE WIN IN MIXED DOUBLES

GUEST AND PARTNER ENTER 2ND ROUND

(By "Abe")

A. E. P. Guest and Miss Madge Griffiths entered the second round of the Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship of the Colony yesterday when they accounted for A. V. Remedios and Mrs. D. W. Wagstaff in straight sets at the Club de Recreo.

WORLD'S CHESS TITLE

Alekhine Beats Champion

The Hague, Dec. 7. Dr. Alekhine regained the world's chess championship to-day by beating Dr. Max Euwe, the Dutch holder of the title, in the forty-third move of their 25th game of the series. The final score is Dr. Alekhine 15½; Dr. Euwe 9½.—Reuter.

MONTAGUE AFTER BRITISH TITLE

New York, Nov. 15. John Montague, the "shovel and rak" golfer, will play in the British Open Championship next year. This will be the first tournament in which Montague, most discussed golfer in the world, has ever appeared.

He revealed this to the News Chronicle yesterday a few minutes before going out at Fresh Meadows Country Club, Long Island, to play in his first four-ball charity exhibition game with Babe Ruth, former baseball star, Babe Didrikson and Sylvia Annenberg.

"The best score I ever shot," he said, "was a 53 at Palm Springs. The par score for this course, which is of average length, is 68. During the past two years my average has stood at 68."

"And what do you think of your

Guest and Miss Griffiths were not extended at all and won comfortably by 6-0, 6-4. Whatever good tennis there was in the match was provided in the second set when Remedios and Mrs. Wagstaff settled down; nevertheless the issue was never in doubt because Guest and Miss Griffiths were obviously the better pair.

Mrs. Wagstaff gave her partner very poor support. She was unable to do justice to herself, being far too nervous, and her play was well below the standard of the other three.

In the second set when Remedios was prominent with some short angled volleys, many interesting rallies were seen; but the burden was too much for this player who, in trying to "kill" his opponents' returns, was often passed down the side-lines. However, when he had found his length, he frequently had Miss Griffiths in difficulties at the base line with his drives.

WINNERS NOT EXTENDED
Because of the weak opposition, the winners were not seen at their best; they played just well enough to get through comfortably, although in the second set they had some anxious moments when Remedios and Mrs. Wagstaff led 2-1, 3-2 and 4-3. After levelling up, they broke through Mrs. Wagstaff's service to lead 5-4 and Miss Griffiths clinched her own service for the match.

Both Guest and Miss Griffiths were steady throughout, the former often passing Remedios with forehand drives down the "tram lines." Miss Griffiths was playing from the rear court for the majority of the two sets, and featured her display with some splendid recoveries.

Guest and Miss Griffiths will now meet J. M. Tomlinson and Miss A. Taylor in the second round.

chances over here?" he was asked.

Mr. Montague became modest.

"Ask my manager," he replied.

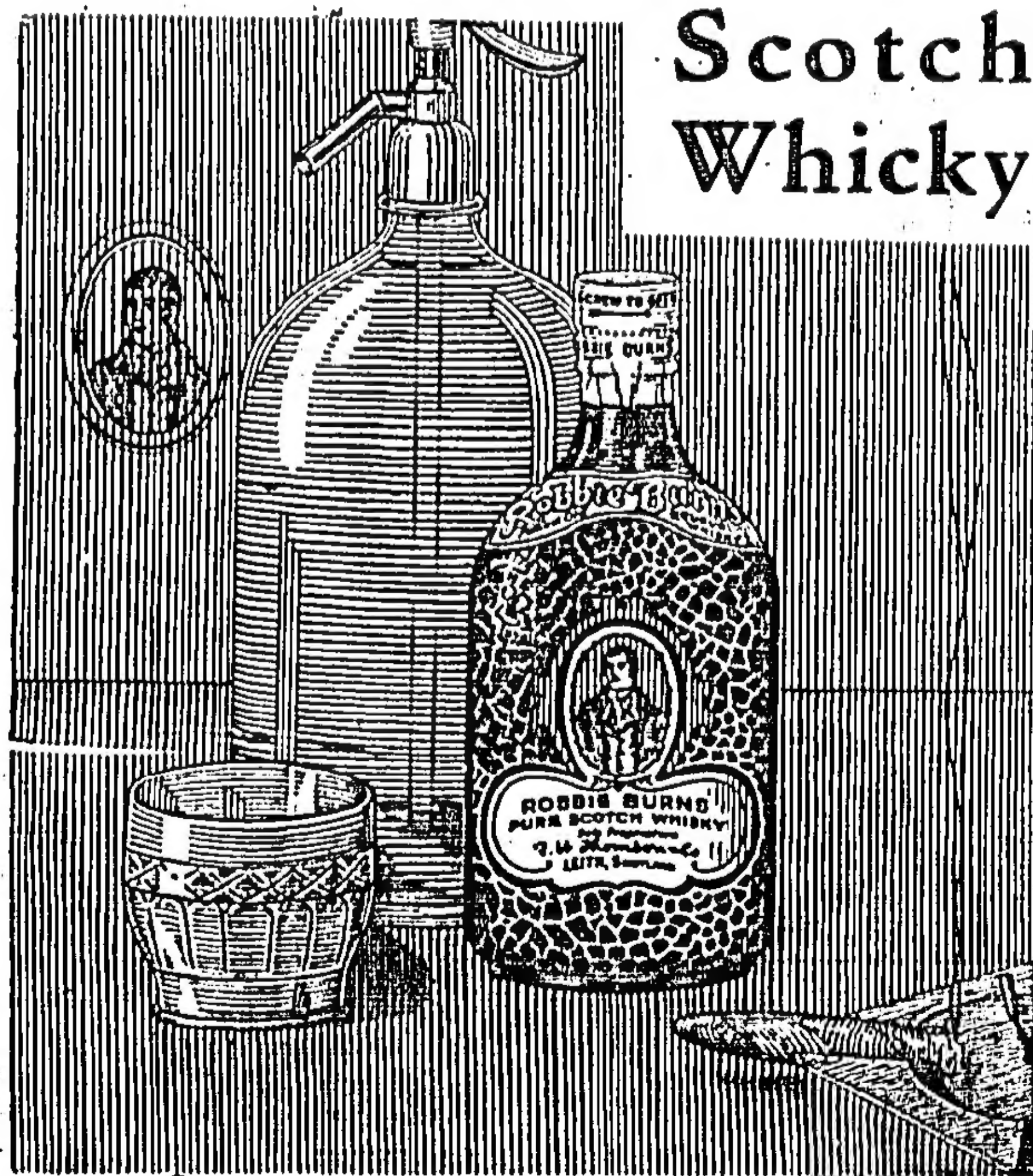
Manager Marty Forkins hurried to the phone.

"Well," he said, "in my opinion Mr. Montague is one of the world's greatest golfers, and I figure he stands a good chance of winning your championship."

"There'll be nothing freakish about my play," said Mr. Montague.

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EIGHT FOR EMPIRE England's Best Oarsmen

London, Nov. 16. The English eight to compete at the Empire Games in Sydney in February was announced officially to-day.

The selected men are: J. F. Burrough (bow), R. C. Harman, D. G. Kingsford, J. Turnbull, P. H. Jackson (captain), J. N. Sturrock, R. Hambridge, B. S. Beazley (stroke), T. Reeve (cox). Reserves: J. Offer, R. Cifer.

The eight is regarded as the strongest England could get together. The Times rowing writer says it is probably the best crew since the London Rowing Club's champion eight of 1930. The fact that it is a composite—and really representative—crew is the most satisfactory feature because in the past the Rowing Association has selected club crews en bloc.

It is claimed by some critics that it is not really representative because none of the best university oarsmen is included. The boat race made it impossible to invite university men, but in any case it is uncertain whether they would have been good enough for inclusion in the crew which has the heavy average weight



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Corinthians Play In India

Still Unbeaten
During Tour

A crowd of 50,000, probably the biggest ever to witness an amateur match, watched the Islington Corinthians play a goalless draw against the Mohammedan Sporting Club at Calcutta on November 13.

This was the Corinthians first game in India. The match was played at a fast pace.

The home club are the champions of Calcutta. Two months ago they lost the final of the Rovers Cup Competition to a team whose members all played without boots.

Last year the Mohammedan Sporting Club won the League Championship and the Indian Football Association Shield, a feat accomplished for the first time in the history of Indian football.

Playing their second match in Calcutta, the Corinthians beat the All Blues (Jamshedpur) 5-2, after leading 2-1 at half-time. R. T. Tarrant (2), J. C. Braithwaite, B. Bradbury and H. C. Read scored for the Corinthians.

UNBEATEN RECORD

The Corinthians, who are touring the world, completed the European portion of their romantic journey with an unbeaten record.

All three matches in Holland were played by floodlight. Corinthians drew 0-0 with The Hague, beat Haarlem 2-0, and drew 1-1 with D. W. V. Amsterdam.

In Switzerland, they beat Winterthur 3-0 and Bern 4-1. At Haarlem the party met Fred Pagham, the old Arsenal centre-forward, who is now trainer-coach to the local club. He said Islington would win far more matches than they lost.

"We have played some really good football and the hospitality we received in Switzerland was wonderful. Everyone is happy, with Johnnie Sherwood and Dusty Miller the live wires."

The following are the results of the matches played by Islington since they left London and before arrival in India.

Blau Wit (The Hague)	4-3
Haarlem Club (Haarlem)	2-0
V.U.C. (Amsterdam)	0-0
D.W.V. (Amsterdam)	1-1
Winterthur (Zurich)	3-0
Berne XI (Berne)	4-1
Alexandria XI (Alexandria)	2-1

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Civil Service Cricket Club will be holding their fortnightly tennis tournament on Sunday, December 12, commencing at 2.30 p.m.



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ARSENAL'S NEED OF AN INSIDE PLAYER

Wednesday's £10,000
Forward

By ARBITER (FRANK M. CARRUTHERS)

In throwing their cast in the ill-stocked waters of football for an inside forward it was inevitable that the Arsenal should be attracted by Robinson, the Sheffield Wednesday player. I believe, in fact, that there has lately been a definite inquiry in regard to his transfer.

It is not without significance, too, that Mr. W. H. Walker, the Wednesday manager, came to London last Saturday to watch the Arsenal's match with Middlesbrough. At once is suggested an arrangement whereby the clubs might agree to an exchange of players.

Still in his 'teens, it is impossible to be sure how Robinson's career may be shaped. He is one of two or three young players of whom it might be said that they ought to develop into first-class players. There are, however, so many uncertain factors to be taken into account that the cautious manager would not go beyond this.

But I know that the Wednesday value Robinson most highly. If they have put a price on him I do not think it is likely to be much less than £10,000. Then if they were to let him go I think it would be only to assist in a general team rebuilding plan.

200 PER CENT. INCREASE

When the Arsenal paid £2,750 for the 17-years-old Bastin it was thought to be a reckless gamble. That was seven years ago, and now a player of no greater promise and little more experience is judged to be worth three times as much. It is striking evidence of the rise in transfer prices.

I believe the highest bid that has yet been made for a player is £12,000. This was for Glover, the Grimsby centre forward, and it Grimsby had been prepared to negotiate I think it might have been raised.

Now the manager of a First Division club has told me that he would top this sum to secure Black, the young inside left of the Hearts. "With ordinary luck I should get 12 years' service from him and even at £13,000 I think he would be the best transfer proposition at the moment."

£60 A MATCH

The age of the player is a vastly important point in every transfer. A few days ago £7,000 was asked for one approaching thirty. He could scarcely be expected to remain of first-class rank for more than three years, and if £1,000 were added to the fee as his wages during the period his cost would be over £80 a match, presuming that he played in forty each season.

One of the reasons put forward by the Players' Union in support of the demand for higher wages is that the career of the footballer has been shortened by the greater speed of the modern game. It is not with the intention of supplying rebutting evidence that I point out that Marshall, the Manchester City player, is now taking part in his seventeenth season. I am all in favour of the men getting more money if the clubs can afford to meet a higher wage bill.

Marshall, too, is a rare exception in the way in which he has definitely resisted the footballer's arch enemy, age.

I know of no better joke than that of a Second Division club who three years ago obligingly offered to take Marshall off Manchester City's wage bill. About the same time another club less sure that his career was now an end offered a transfer fee of £1,500.

To-day he remains the centre half, and by none is his play valued more highly than by his colleagues.

MANAGER'S RECORD

Manchester city to-day, as the champions, meet Sunderland, the Cup holders, in the annual match for the Football Association Charity Shield, and it is a fitting occasion to record of Mr. Wilfred Wild since he became manager of the team six years ago.

When the late Peter Hodge decided to go back to Leicester City from Manchester and there were all sorts of rumours as to his successor he told me, "I have advised the directors that they cannot hope to do better than appoint my assistant, Wilfred

Wild. Given a chance, he will take a leading place in the game."

The prophecy has been abundantly fulfilled. Under Mr. Wild's leadership the City have been twice in the Cup Final and have also won the championship.

It is said of Mr. Wild that he is a "born organiser." If he were not so shy and retiring, it would be realised that he was an official of many more attainments.

BIG SCORE DRAWS

When I asked, in referring to the Bolton Wanderers-Chelsea match, if there had previously been a 5-0 draw, I expected to be told of others.

Many correspondents have reminded me of a game between Sheffield Wednesday and Everton about 25 years ago, when the latter led 5-1 at half-time and the Wednesday drew level in the second half.

Again, in season 1930-31 at Upton Park, West Ham and Aston Villa drew 5-5.

I have myself found another—in 1930. This was the match between Leicester City and the Arsenal on the Saturday previous to the Cup Final in which the London club defeated Huddersfield.

LADIES' GOLF

1938 CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries are invited for the 1938 Golf Championship of the Ladies' Section, Royal Hongkong Golf Club. Competitors, of handicap of 24 or under, must be resident associates of the R.H.K.G.C. The competition will be of 18 holes match play over the Old Course, Fanling. The winner holds, for a year, a Cup presented by the late Mr. Bulmer Johnson. The cup becomes the property of any player who wins three years in succession or four times in all.

The final round of the competition is played with a referee. Entries will close on January 4.

MEDAL COMPETITIONS

The November Medal competitions of the Ladies' Section resulted as follows:

November 9
L. G. U. Medal (Silver)—Mrs. Shawan (90-13=77); Mrs. Garner (93-13=80).
L.G.U. Medal (Bronze)—Mrs. Challinor (101-31=70); Mrs. Singer (98-27=71).

November 23
L.G.U. Medal (Silver)—Miss Goodrich (94-13=81); Mrs. Forbes Price.
L.G.U. Medal (Bronze)—Mrs. Swinburne (96-28=68), Section Prize.

Captain's Cup
Old Course—Mrs. Whyte Smith (95-16=79).
New Course—Mrs. Lindsell (95-27=68); Mrs. Smalley (90-19=71).

Bogey Pool, Old Course—Mrs. Redmond, one down; Mrs. McGowan, two down.

LOCAL CRICKET

A friendly game of cricket has been arranged between the Hongkong University Alumni Association and the Craigengower Cricket Club for Sunday, December 13, commencing at 1.30 p.m. The following have been chosen to represent the Alumni Association:

F. Zimmerman (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, A. Bakar, E. L. Gosano, W. H. Kwan, C. W. Lam, L. T. Rids, A. M. Rodrigues, P. N. M. da Silva, W. Hong Sling and J. L. Youngsaye.

HONGKONG RACING

Programme Arranged For
Thirteenth Extra

The following programme has been arranged by the Hongkong Jockey Club for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting which will be held on Saturday, December 18:

Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins
Champions.—For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of this Club since 1st January, 1937, two of such meetings previous to 1st July, 1937, and two subsequent to that date. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1937 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries. One and a Quarter Miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

Laggard's Handicap.—For Australian Ponies of any Season that have started in at least one Extra Meeting of this Club during 1937. Winners of more than £1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, and ponies classified "C" Class, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

Hongkong Autumn Champions.—For China Ponies that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of this Club since 1st January, 1937, two of such meetings previous to 1st July, 1937, and two subsequent to that date. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1937 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries. One and a Quarter Miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

Dilatory Handicap.—For China Ponies. "C" Class, and Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season that have not won more than £1,000 in stakes. Ponies must have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Jockey Allowance. Six Furlongs.

Tardy Handicap.—For China Ponies. "C" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Winners of £1,500 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. One Mile.

Queensland Autumn Championship.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of any Season that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of this Club since 1st January, 1937, two of such meetings previous to 1st July, 1937, and two subsequent to that date. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1937 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries. One and a Quarter Miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

Last Chance Handicap.—For Australian Subscription Ponies. "C" Class, that have started in at least one Extra Meeting of this Club during 1937. Winners of more than £1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

Final Handicap.—For China Ponies. "D" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season and ponies that have won more than £1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

Daily Double Event.—Fifth and Seventh Races.

Entries close at noon on Thursday, December 9, 1937.

REFEREES' MEETING

The half-monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held in the offices of the Hongkong Football Association, Room 205, Gloucester Building, on Monday, December 13, at 8 p.m.

CRICKET

SUTCLIFFE ON DON BRADMAN

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London, Oct. 30.

"Don Bradman is unquestionably the finest batsman in the world to-day—if the wicket is good."

So declared Herbert Sutcliffe, the famous England and Yorkshire opening batsman, in a speech at the Oxford Luncheon Club yesterday.

"I have seen him play on five or six wickets which were inclined to be difficult," he added, "and I have not seen him make a decent score."

Sutcliffe said the new I.B.W. rule was an additional trial for opening batsmen.

"It is a menace to me," he said. "The most devastating ball so far as first-wicket batsmen are concerned is a vicious inswinger. When you see Sutcliffe I.B.W. (n) next year, you will know I have received one of those swingers."

He prophesied a brilliant future for Hutton, the promising young player who has joined him as opening batsman for Yorkshire.

"Just as I am on the wane, getting to the sere and yellow," he began, and then, in reply to cries of dissent all round the room, he added, "but the selectors thought so last year, when they would not have me for the team down under."

R. E. S. WYATT AND SURREY

Emphatic denials of rumours that R. E. S. Wyatt, the former Warwickshire captain, would play for Surrey next season were made yesterday by Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower and Mr. A. F. Davey, the president and secretary of Surrey, respectively.

Mr. Leveson-Gower said: "I wish to deny, officially, these rumours concerning Mr. Wyatt and Surrey. There is absolutely no truth in the suggestion that he has approached us, or been approached by us, regarding the Surrey captaincy."

"I know nothing of these rumours that he will play for us, let alone captain the side next season. Mr. E. R. T. Holmes is still our captain and I can assure you that no move whatever has been made in connection with the captaincy."

Mr. Davey said: "The suggestion is entirely new to me. There has been no committee meeting of the Surrey club since Sept. 9, and there is not another until Nov. 18. The committee have never had any suggestion put before them at all, and have not yet even considered the question of captaincy for next season. That is decided always, as a matter of routine, at our November meeting."

SPORTS ADVT.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th December, 1937, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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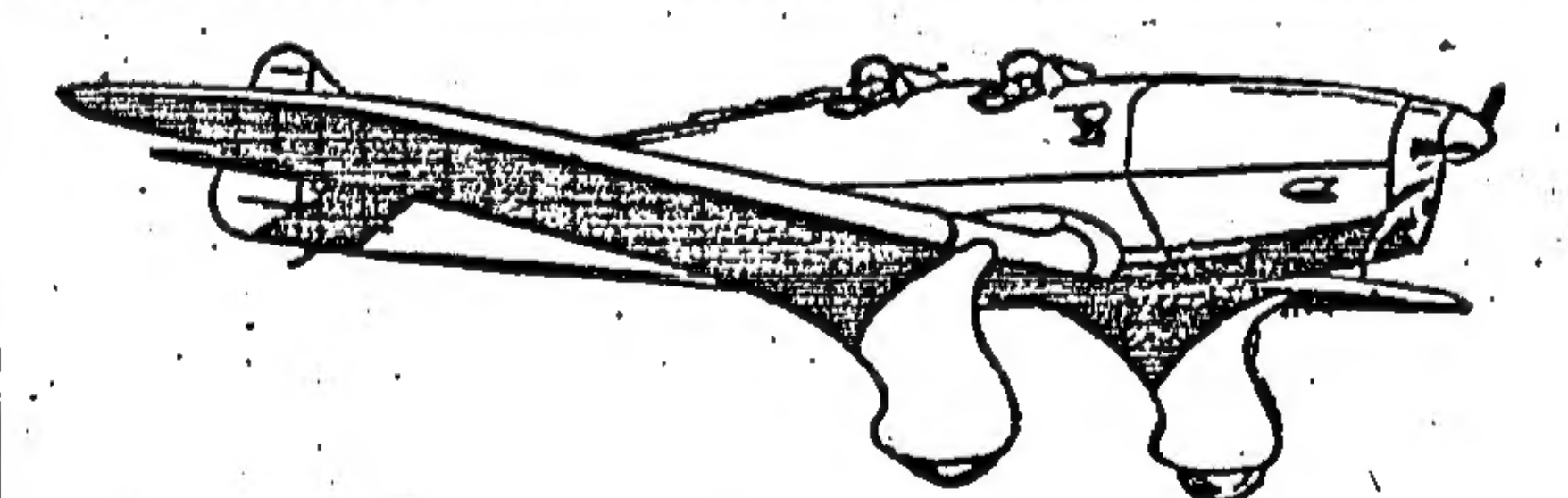
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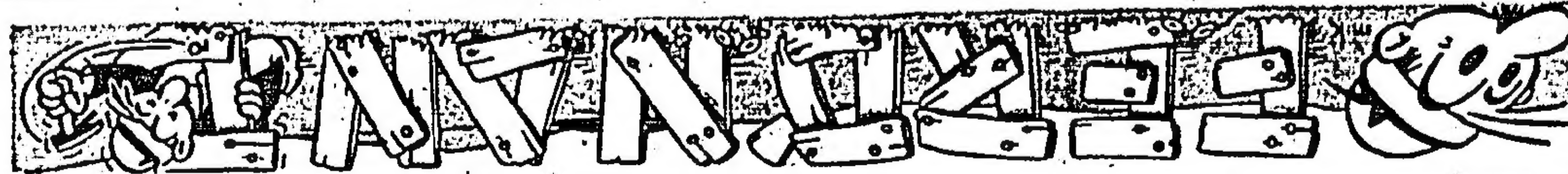
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HOUSING EXPERIMENT EXPLAINED TO ROTARY

(Continued from Page 11.)

created for no cost at all, but allow me to present the situation as I see it. Let me preface what I have to say here by stating that I am absolutely satisfied that the Government of Hongkong does not profit directly one single solitary cent from what has been called the "rent ramp," by means of which the local poor are often exorbitantly exploited. The solution of the housing problem begins, I am convinced in the regulation of land values. Land is not an absolute value, but it can be regulated artificially. It has been, in many districts in Hongkong, increased artificially. One of the reasons for this increase is the fact that houses increase in value according as they are over-crowded, the tenants and subtenants in them, being forced to pay ever higher rents to each successive landlord.

Over-crowding regulations must be enforced, and supplemented by new regulations and powers if necessary. For over-crowding follows certain natural laws—people over-crowd where a good market is to be found, they over-crowd near the places where their work is most plentiful, and the slum mentality which has not acquired a knowledge of the necessity of solitude, obeys more faithfully the natural precursive instincts which we all share, and which is one of the underlying reasons that makes us come together in meetings like this. I believe that if the authorities could enforce a regulation against over-crowding, limiting the standard Chinese flat, to twelve persons, housing problems so far as rents are concerned would almost automatically solve themselves. Of course such regulation would necessitate the building of new houses, which latter, I believe, should be carried out according to specifications and conditions laid down by Government experts, by private enterprise, and the rents charged should not exceed a 3% or 4% profit on the capital expenditure.

PRINCIPAL TENANTS

Here I would interpose a word on behalf of a much maligned class of people—the principal tenants. True there are instances where the principal tenant charges ridiculously high rents, making enormous profits, but as a class, I would venture the opinion, that the principal tenant, whose sole function is to guarantee the rent to his landlord, seldom charges more than the amount necessary to cover the cost of his own living accommodation. Of course, he usually has the best cubicle, he is generally better off than the people under him, and that the extra charge which he imposes often makes it necessary for a whole family to live in a bed space instead of in a cubicle, nevertheless as a single factor in the exploitation of the poor he is seldom

so bad as he is painted. And I believe, that in whatever system or schemes are adopted to meet the housing problem, the principal tenant should have his place.

When Sir Valentine Chirol was puzzled to decide which system of land-tenure was best suited to the area of India under his administration, the zemindari or the ryotwari, he eventually decided on the ryotwari system, was that system was most fitted to help the people who lived under it, to manage their own affairs. I think that here, the principal tenant system, comes into the same category, as a system most fitted to help people to manage their own affairs.

Three or four per cent, Gentlemen, is what I would characterize, as a "brotherhood" profit on such a project, a profit consistent with good citizenship.

The solution of the housing problem, I am convinced, lies in true, intelligent, informed citizenship, as do the solution of many other local difficulties, and that brings us to the third belief behind the experiment known as Social Settlements. We believe that the standard of citizenship can be raised in Hongkong, by brotherly supervision and education. The experiment insists that the children of all tenants must attend a kindergarten school for which we have set aside a flat. Adult tenants will be asked and encouraged to attend an adult evening school which is to be organized, where such subjects as Chinese, and English, and Arithmetic, elementary civics, hygiene, personal and domestic, and the elements of citizenship, will be taught. All such teaching will be provided free to the tenants, by voluntary teachers.

MAKING GOOD CITIZENS

To envisage any general scheme covering the greater part of Hongkong and Kowloon on this basis, also envisages an increased undertaking of the responsibilities of intelligent citizenship by everyone of us. If Social Settlements are to mean anything considerable, if they will ever have any real contribution to make to the solution of the housing problem, it will lie in the fact that an increasing number of people use the Settlements as a point of contact for the establishment of brotherhood relations with those whose lives do not normally cross their own in the ordinary course of events. As a direct means to solving the housing problem the Settlements mean nothing at all, if they were multiplied a thousand fold, those responsible for them would only be throwing more people into the street. Their main, indeed their only value lies in the opportunity which they offer to you, Gentlemen, and to others, of associating yourselves with this public expression, may I say, this public affirmation of the belief, that every man and woman in this Colony, can, given decent opportunities, and the brotherly encouragement of their

Fire Behind Retreating China Army

Wide Destruction
At Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 7.

Ammunition dumps, gasoline depots, aerodrome hangars and workshops were systematically destroyed to-day as Chinese defences in Nanking, which is about to fall to an alien for the first time in its history, were set on fire. All the Chinese planes had left Nanking for a new base in the interior, while the damaged machines which could not be repaired at the time were also destroyed.

Three big fires were started by the Chinese military authorities who, for the purpose of depriving the enemy of cover, burnt property at strategic points in Nanking.

Travellers from Chingkiang report that the entire population of 150,000 of this once thriving treaty port has fled across the river. Refugees of every type and description, some stoically calm and others not concealing their fear, have begun to pour into the safety zone in Nanking which the International Committee has applied to the Japanese to isolate from warlike operations.

Wuhu suffered a number of successive Japanese raids, in one of which a godown belonging to Butterfield and Swire, whose steamer, the Tatung, was bombed and benched on Sunday, received a direct hit. No casualties are reported.—Reuter.

fellows, become good citizens of Hongkong. (Applause).

DEPTH OF POVERTY

In thanking the speaker, the Rev. H. W. Baines said the lives of most of the community in Hongkong were based on the lives of the Chinese people, but this was never realised properly and it would require a labour strike or a big plague mortality to make people begin to ask into the conditions under which the Chinese lived.

The survey which the speaker and his friends were making had succeeded in arousing their interest. Generally such a survey seemed hopeless because of the number of Chinese and the poverty level which was accepted; for instance the level of \$4 per person per month on which the Hongkong Benevolent Society undertook to look after their charges. People were inclined to think they could leave all such questions to the Government, but the speaker had shown them that by accepting his invitation to visit the scene of the experiment, they might at least be able to contribute some constructive criticism.

RADIO BROADCAST

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A. Davies, H. A. Lytton; D. Oldham, E. Griffin, H. Elburn, L. Sheffield, G. Baker and Chorus.
10.15 London Relay—The Coventry Hippodrome Orchestra. Conductor, William Pethers. From the Hippodrome Theatre, Coventry.

Affraid to Dream (Gordon and Revel, arr. Bayford); A Moorland Idyll (Phillips); Selection, Princess Charming (arr. Ray Noble); Ein Landler (Danse Styricano—Facher-negg, arr. Komponisten); Erin's Isle (Bayford-Caryll); These Foolish Things (Holt Marvell, arr. Cardew); Panto Parade (arr. Langdon).
11.00 Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.20 a.m. H. Robinson Cleaver, at the Organ of the Regal Cinema, Dextley-Heath.
7.45 a.m. 'This is England' (Second Series).

8 a.m. 'The Old Folks at Home' (Second Series).
8.40 a.m. The News and Announcements.
9 a.m. Big Ben, Oxford v. Cambridge.

A running commentary by H. B. T. Waklam on the Inter-University Rugby Union football match, From Twickenham.
9.10 a.m. 'Music by Modern British Composers'.

10 a.m. Big Ben, 'We All Affairs'.
10.15 a.m. Entertainment at St. George's—10.17-10.17.
11.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.
11.30 a.m. Greenwell Time Signal at 11.30 a.m.

11.35 a.m. Recital by Canadian Artists: Harry Sherwood (Tenor) and Ross Pratt (Pianoforte).
1.15 p.m. Big Ben, 'World Affairs'.
1.30 p.m. Entertainment at St. George's—1.30-1.30.

5.25 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwell Time Signal at 5.40 p.m.
5.50 p.m. Oxford v. Cambridge.
6.10 p.m. 'Haunting Harmonies', by Jack Curtis and John Hotchkiss at two Pianos.
6.45 p.m. Big Ben, Beethoven String Quartet—4.

7.10 p.m. Musical Interlude.
7.15 p.m. 'The Cheshire Cheese'.
7.45 p.m. The BBC Welsh Orchestra.
8.15 p.m. 'The Song Reporter', Ian Stewart.
8.25 p.m. 'The Vagabond Lover'.

8.45 p.m. 'World Affairs'.
9 a.m. The West Calder Brass Band; conductor, Herbert Bennett.
9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.
9.45 p.m. Greenwell Time Signal at 9.45 p.m.

10.15 p.m. Big Ben. The Coventry Hippodrome Orchestra.
11 p.m. Music Hall, including George Formby. With the BBC Variety Orchestra.
12 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwell Time Signal at 12.10 a.m.
12.20 a.m. 'Matters of Moment'.
12.25 a.m. Festival of Classical Songs.
1.20 a.m. Dance Music.
1.30 a.m. Variety with 'The Four Aces' in Gaiety. Rayburn, Bennett and Williams in 'Child's Play' by Bert Lloyd, and Jean Melville and Billy Thorburn at two Pianos.

2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.
Greenwell Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.
2.20 a.m. 'The Signature is...' featuring Lew Stone and his Band.
2.40 a.m. From the London Theatre.
3 a.m. 'The Music of Melville Gideon'.

3.15 a.m. Irish Concert.
3.40 a.m. 'Wheels'.
4.15 a.m. The BBC Symphony Orchestra Season (1937-38): Eighth Concert.
5.20 a.m. Interval.
5.35 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwell Time Signal at 5.45 a.m.
5.55 a.m. 'Light Orchestral Music'.
6.55 a.m. 'Food for Thought'.
6.55 a.m. 'Proverbs in Portelain'.



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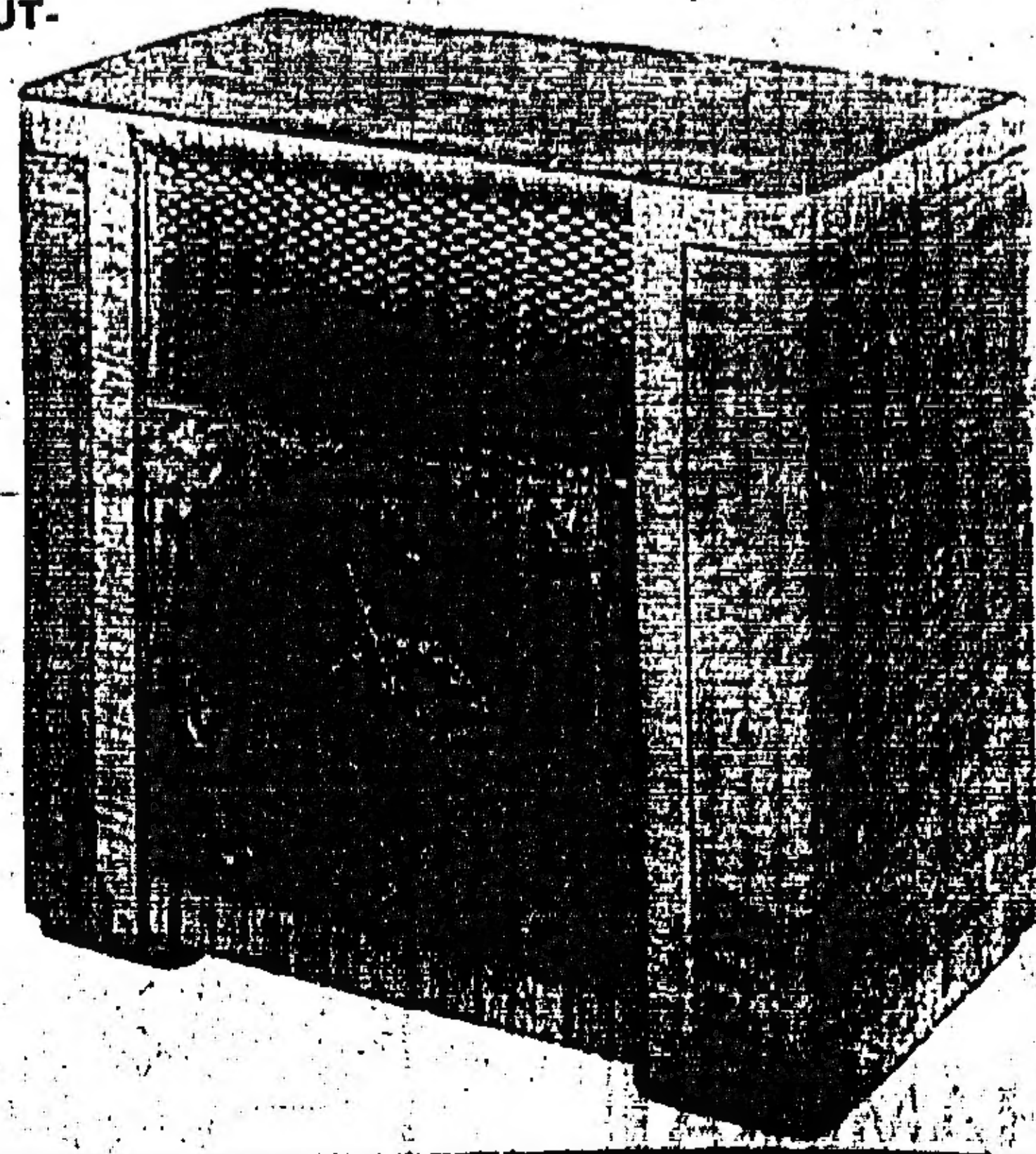
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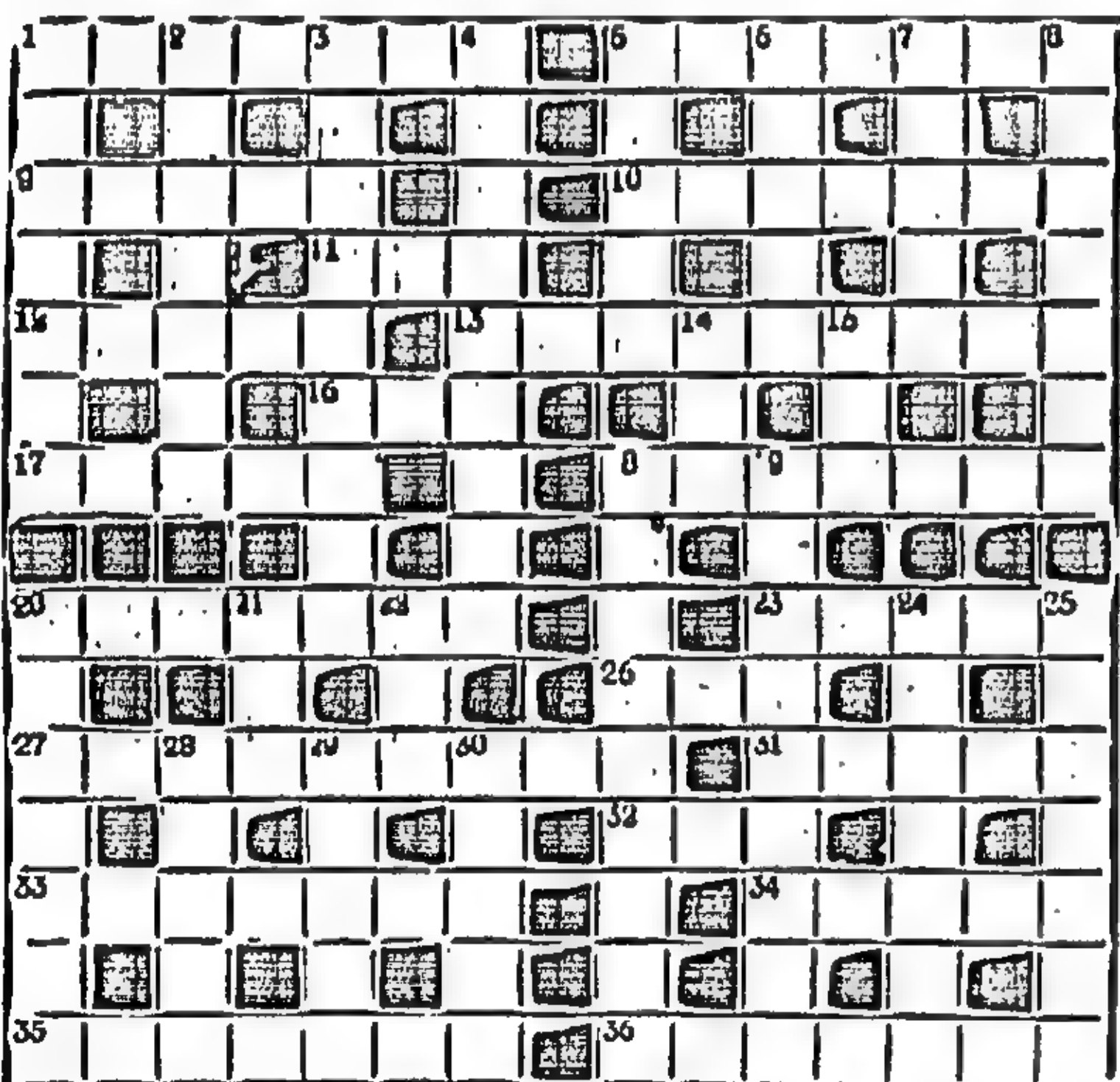
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- 5 This little river often turns a wheel (3).
- 6 Vessel made of a food with nothing in it (5).
- 7 There is great depth in part of this part of Africa (9).
- 8 There may be no knots in this piece of wood but they are found by it (3).
- 9 Cleanse (5).
- 10 Material made from two animals (7).
- 11 A light-giver (7).
- 12 Fair though fabulous (5).
- 13 One of the barrels (3).
- 14 Useful effigy (9).
- 15 A sail is obtained from these mountains (9).
- 16 Bird (3).
- 17 This little household utensil is always lost without its third letter (7).
- 18 This is made from the end of 10 down (5).
- 19 Bird of prey (7).
- 20 In a train or below it (7).

DOWN

- 1 Could this little bit of your car be worn by the house-maid? (7).
- 2 This person comes from no realm (7).
- 3 Serious meals are seldom thus depraved (9).
- 4 She might become a tram agent (9).
- 5 Is a person thus bad-tempered very trying? (5).

- 6 What vehicles would look well with a upset? (5).
- 7 Compare (5).
- 8 Part of a ship, not of an abnormal man (7).
- 9 Coin current in Southern Europe (3).
- 10 One thing is wanted about this for consideration (3).
- 11 This remote land might be a feature of bowls (9).
- 12 This man makes nice gales (9).
- 13 Foreign soldier (7).
- 14 This car is well known in India (3).
- 15 This stands for the addition of the rest (3).
- 16 No daring hero, he (7).
- 17 He is always in a hurry to get ahead (7).
- 18 Mountain of Greece (5).
- 19 Losing one's head in fear is a mistake (5).
- 20 These lies are valued by writers (5).

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Young Folks in a Hurry

EMPLOYERS are constantly finding it in the fact that they seem to be unable to obtain really competent office workers, and judging by some of the work which leaves their offices there can be little doubt that their complaints are fully justified.

For instance, the other day I received a circular, beautifully printed on imitation hand-made paper, a real triumph of the printer's art, but the whole effect was spoiled by the typed envelope in which it was enclosed. It looked as if the errand boy had been given the job of addressing the wrappers, so badly were they typed, punctuation marks in the wrong place, capitals where there should have been none and missing where they should have been typed.

Another sent me a duplicated circular letter so badly spaced and typed I could only suppose that someone unfamiliar with a typewriter and duplicator had run them off.

Poor Publicity

This sort of thing is bad for business, and I am somewhat surprised that any enterprising firm should waste paper and postage on such poor efforts in publicity.

Is it any matter for wonder then that so many people, and especially young people, have gained the idea

that typewriting is just a question of tapping keys instead of being, as it is, an occupation requiring just as much skill as any other, on which they might embark?

Within the last month no fewer than five lads and girls have been interviewed with reference to receiving training in shorthand, bookkeeping, and typewriting. Each of them told me they had been offered posts if they could type or write shorthand, and fondly imagined in their ignorance or innocence that it was possible to receive a complete training in a few weeks—one girl suggested six weeks!

When I pointed out that complete mastery of the typewriter keyboard could not be attained under three months at the very least, leaving the question of speed in its operation out of account altogether, she thought I was exaggerating.

Dislike of Spade-Work

She was typical of quite a large percentage of modern youth, who desire to start earning good wages with only a few weeks training. Neither she nor those who think like her seem to realize that this impatience can only lead to incompetence, and that the best jobs are only filled by those who are ready to undertake the tedious drill and study

which must precede proficiency in anything.

I know that I could double my present number of students by such dishonest tactics as encouraging young people in this foolish belief that hard work and study are unnecessary, but I also know that local employers who now show complete confidence in my selections for vacancies on their staffs would cease to regard me as being trustworthy if I departed from my present practice of discouraging prospective students who think they learn a skilled occupation in a few weeks.

The thoroughly competent need never fear the competition of the half-trained or hastily trained, for the difference between them is as wide as the ocean itself.

Nothing worth while was ever achieved in a hurry, and modern youth must realize that they will have to concentrate and work even as their fathers and mothers had to do before them. I would be a grave disservice to employers and the young folks if they were encouraged to believe differently.

Already there are hundreds of thousands of half-trained people in industry, and it is this class which always provides such a problem for statesmen and employers when the inevitable industrial slump arrives in periodic cycles.

A Teacher

PILOTS HAVE A GROUSE

(By VICTOR RICKETTS)

PILOTS' grumbles and their employers' counter statements are air news.

There has been talk of strikes in the airlines, summary sackings of pilots, underpayment in the air, and many things besides.

An unnecessarily black picture has been painted. There will be no pilots' strike unless the air firms employing them take up a far more brutal attitude than they appear likely to do.

In Britain there are 927 fliers, maybe half a dozen of them women, who hold current "B" licences entitling them to fly for hire or reward.

It has cost between £200 and £1,200 for each of them to take that coveted licence. A third of the number of "B" licence holders pilot jobs in air flying pay.

Not a bad job, eh? You're right. British Airline Pilots' Associa-

tion, the fliers' new trade union. It is the 250 or so who have joined the association to date who have caused all the disturbance. More than 160 of them come from Imperial Airways' payroll of roughly 200 pilots.

There are men in the air profession entrusted with passengers' lives who work for bus drivers' wages a week. They get a few pennies an hour flying pay.

WELCOME any organisation that seeks to put that sort of thing right. But don't imagine that all professional pilots are got that figure.

Half-way between the state-ments that it's as pie and alternatively that it's shocking hard work to fly lies the truth. This column is not siding with the pilots or the companies who pay them to fly. It's just painting a picture of the situation in a small but growing business.

Total Flying Hours

ONE of the aims of the fliers' association is to get the British working time for pilots down. A pilot's hours of work are limited to 125 a month. After that he must have another Air Ministry supervised medical examination before his employers are allowed to fly him again.

Dick Merrill was horrified about this limit. In America it's a bit figure of eighty hours a month and no extras. "A.L.P.A.", America's equivalent of the British association got that figure.

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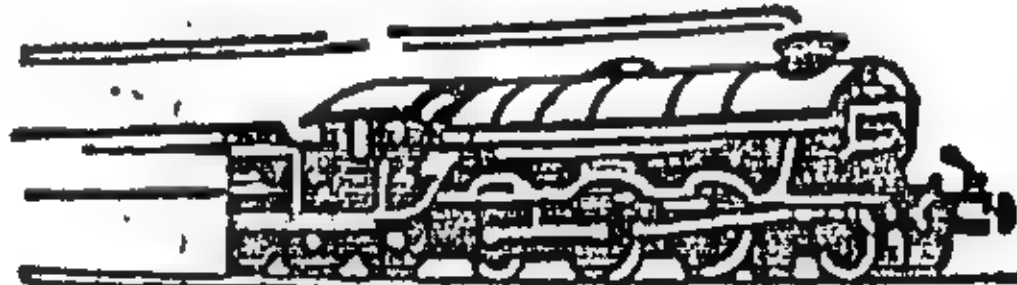
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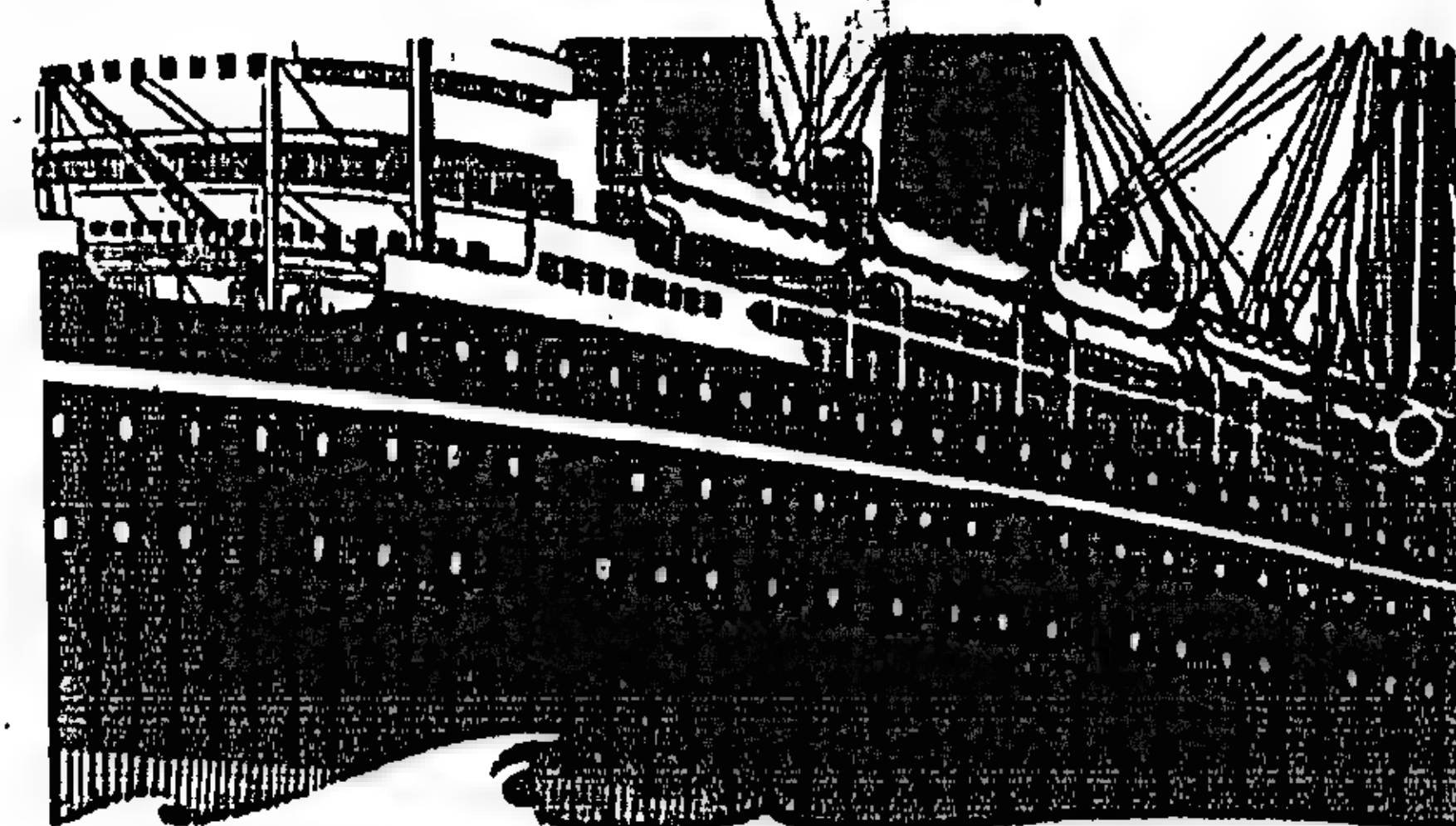
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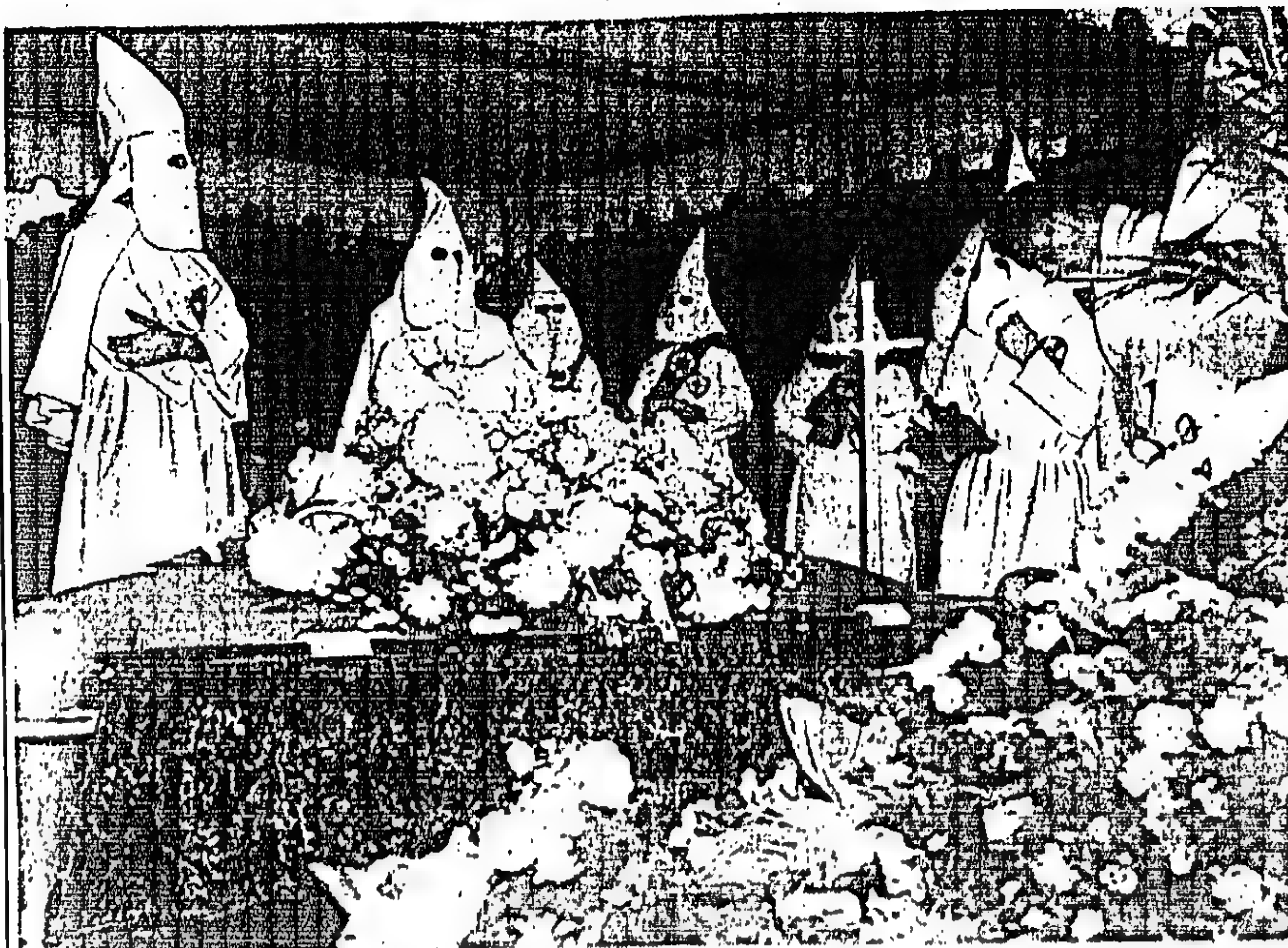
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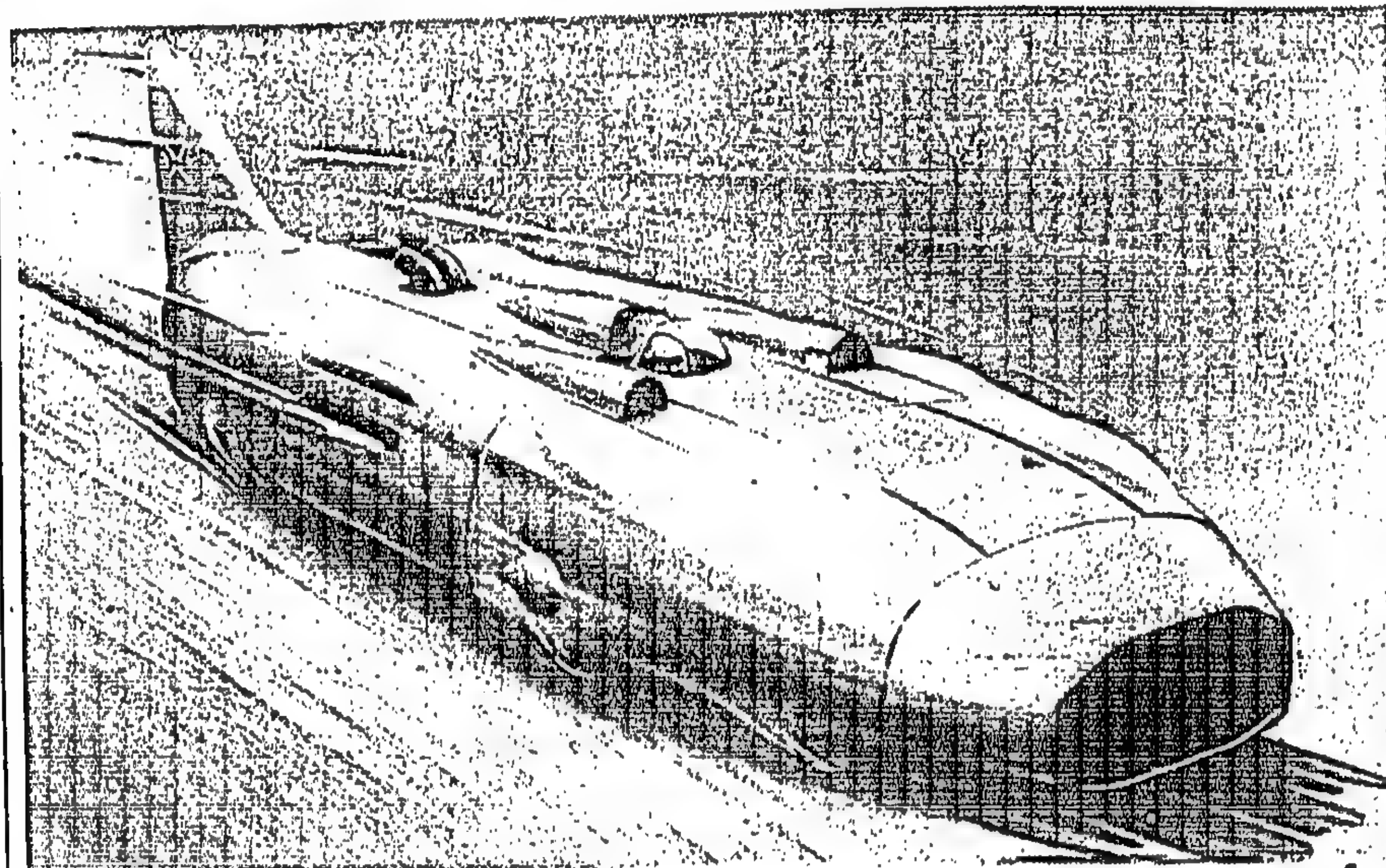
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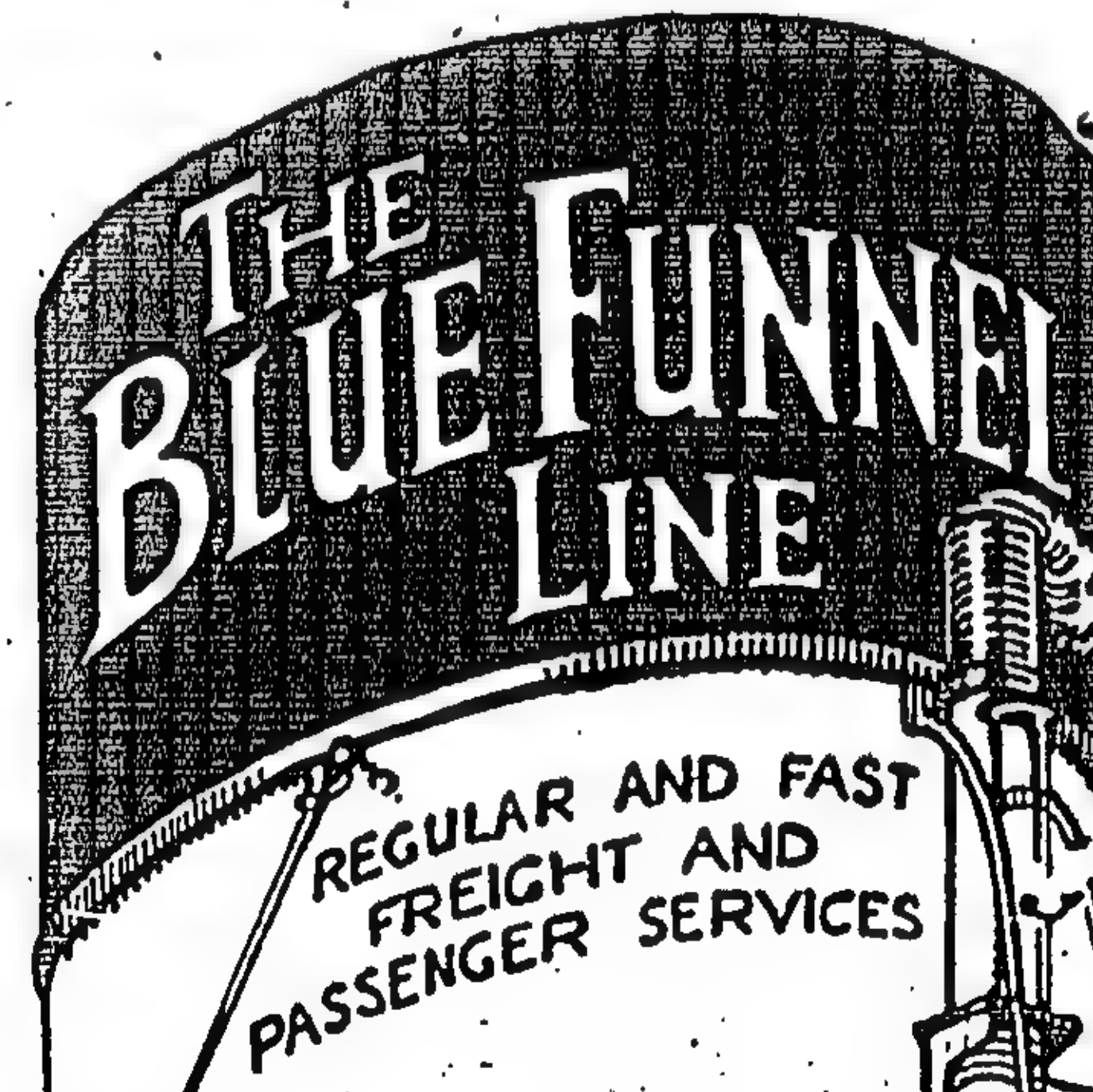
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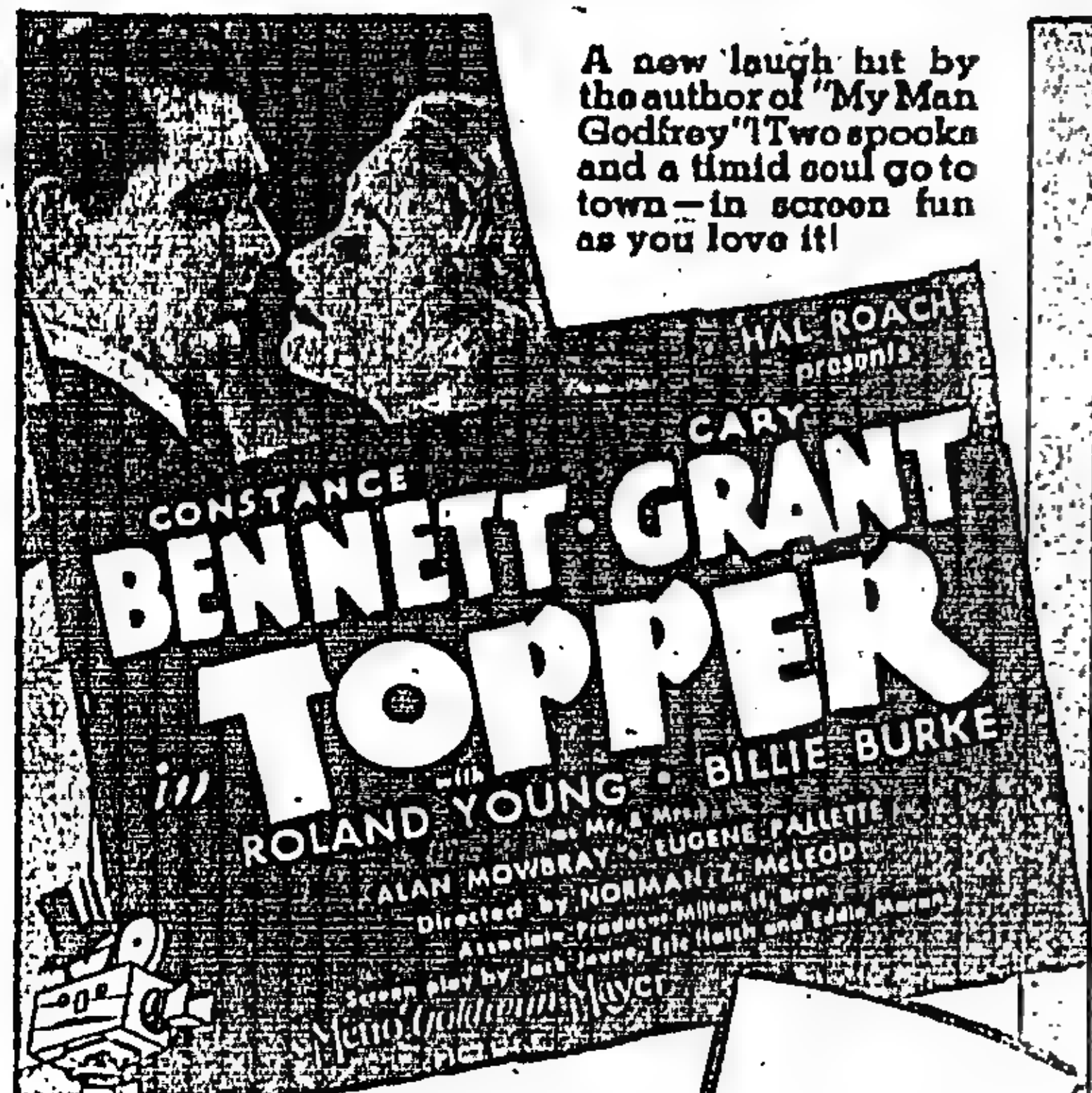
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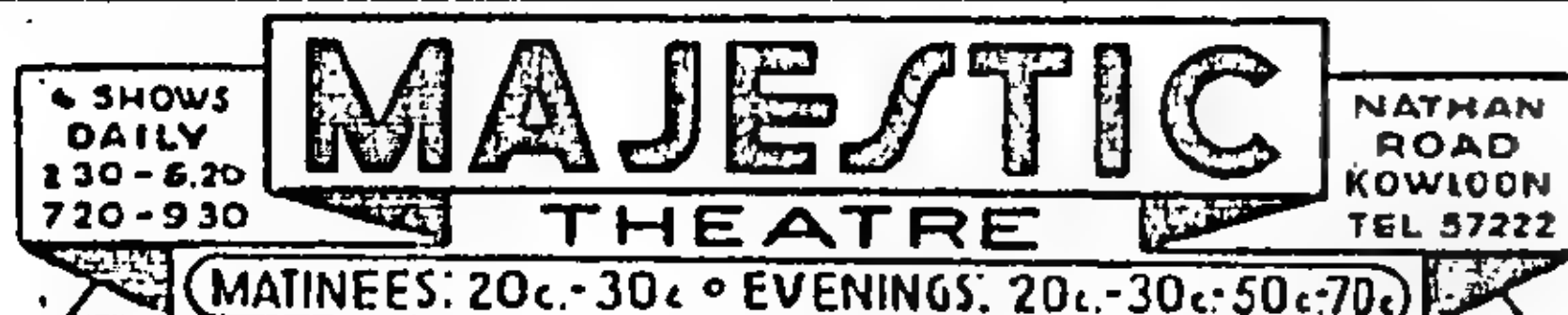


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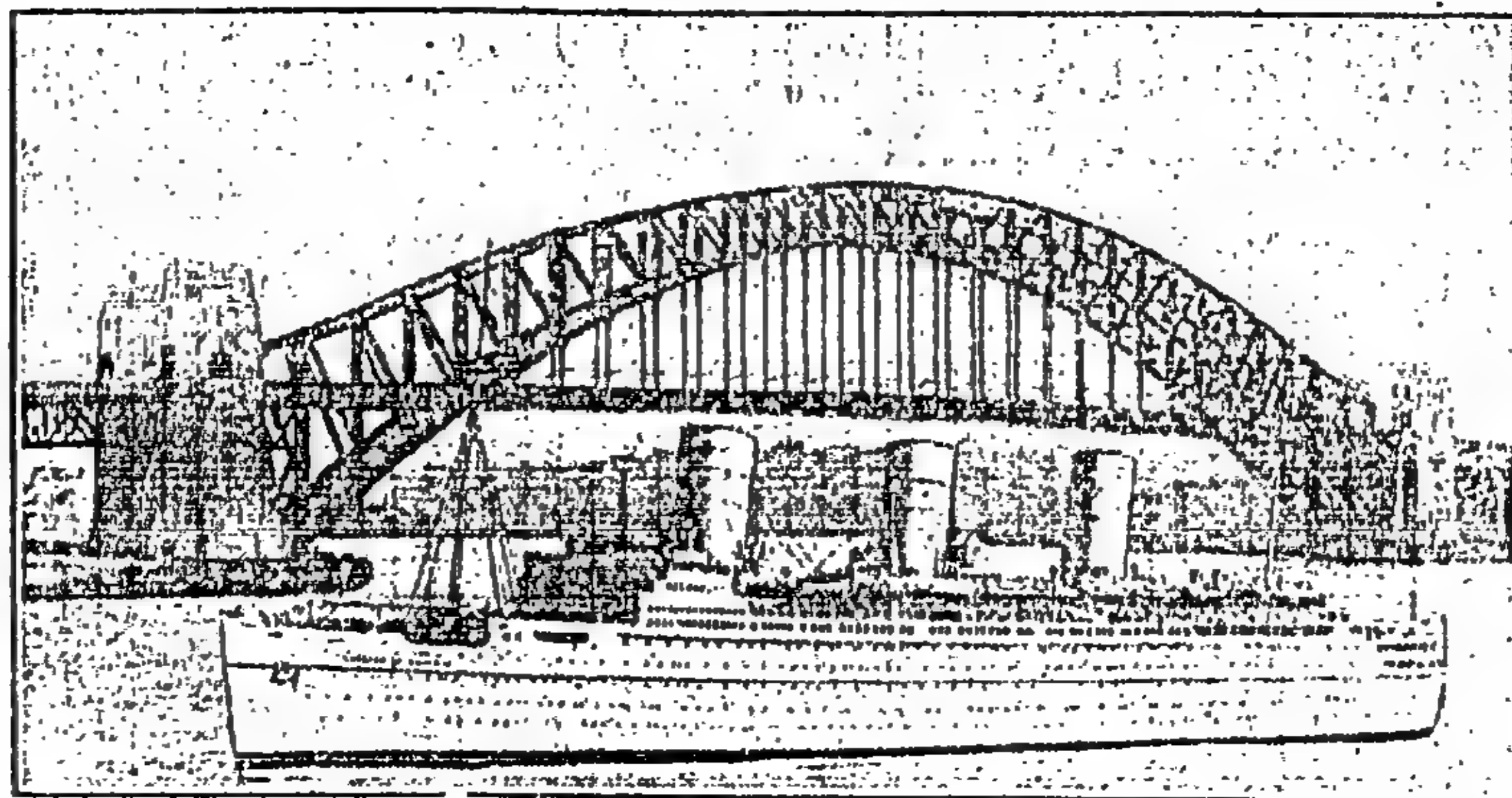
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Editor's Vision To Be Realized on World Cruise



The above picture showing the Empress of Britain and Sydney's great harbour bridge represents the dream of an Australian editor, who in making the composite picture from separate photographs at the time the bridge was opened could not have known that the Empress would ever visit the port "down under". Captioned "Splendid Empire Achievements" the picture showed the greatest single-span bridge ever built within the Empire and the ocean liner which, launched a year previously was, at the time, the largest ship built in the Empire since the war.

Now comes the announcement that the Empress of Britain will visit Sydney during her 1937 Round-the-World Cruise, and with it the realisation that, when the ship is there next April, at least one editor's dream will have come true.

Not only Sydney will be visited while the big white liner is in the Antipodes; she will also take her cruise members to Melbourne and to the New Zealand ports of Wellington and Auckland. Her cruise starts from New York January 8 and will end there on May 16. Until heading for Australia she will follow the usual world cruise course—Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Naples, Athens, Palestine, Egypt, India, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements. Leaving New Zealand she will go to the Fiji Islands, also new territory for her World Cruise, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Panama Canal Zone.

Man Dead Of Poison Dose

But Wife Expected To Recover

Receiving no response to their repeated knocks on the door of a room in the Hung On Boarding House, Des Voeux Road, early today, servants of the lodging house entered and found that its occupants, a man and his wife, were victims of some form of poisoning.

The man was dead but the woman was still alive. The police were sent for, and the woman was taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

A police report of the tragedy stated that the man's name was Lai Kee-hung, aged 26, that he had come from Canton, and had died as a result of a dose of poison. His wife, Chan Yuk-wan, was suffering from the effects of the same poison but her condition at present was not serious.

Eagle's Brood To Exercise

H.M.S. Eagle left harbour this morning on exercises and her aircraft will be seen in day and night flying to-day and to-morrow. The aircraft carrier will do full calibre firing to-morrow east of Wai-lan. She is accompanied by H.M.S. Daring.

STOP PRESS

Mellon's Name Cleared

Income Tax Return Not Fraudulent

New York, Dec. 7. A charge against the late Mr. Andrew Mellon, former U.S. Ambassador and financier, of avoiding payment of income tax, has been completely expunged by the action of the Government in over-ruling the major portion of the Federal Income Tax Board's claim of \$3,000,000 against the Mellon estate.

The decision states that the late Mr. Mellon had not filed a false or fraudulent return with the intention of evading taxes.—Reuter.

Stock Market In Doldrums

London, Dec. 7. Apart from firmness in Brazilian stocks, the London Exchange had a disappointing day, and most prices moved lower, more for want of fresh buying than any noticeable selling pressure. Industrials especially were adversely affected by the poor unemployment returns, Home Rails suffering for the same reason. Indian Iron weakened owing to the unsettled state of silver, which at the fixing rose 1/16d. for cash, but was unchanged for the forward rate later. India paid 5/16ths over the fixed price for forward deals.—Reuter's Special.

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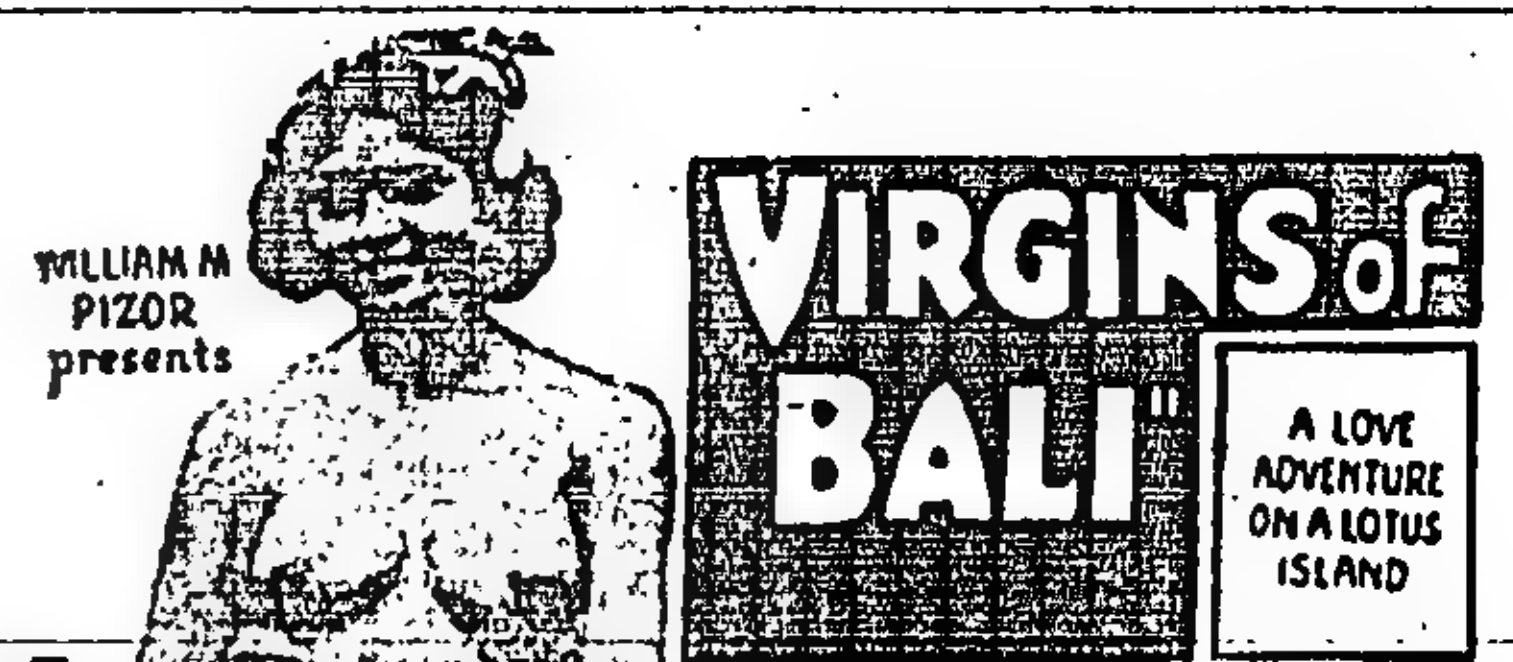
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RUSSIA WON'T ATTACK JAPANESE ALONE

Insists On Support From Other Powers

CHIANG KAI-SHEK MAY RETIRE AND LET NEW LEADERS TALK PEACE

London, Dec. 7.

It is reliably stated that Russia has told Britain and France that she has no intention of acting against Japan unless other powers offer full support, and it is believed the Soviet's war or peace policy will depend on further developments.

According to information Soviet air strength is so formidable as to allow the shipment of 1,000 planes to China and still leave Moscow superior to Germany in fighting and bombing aircraft.—United Press.

Marshal Chiang May Retire

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's departure from Nanking is taken to indicate the city's fall will come soon and that defeat on this front is conceded.

There seems to be increased possibility of Marshal Chiang retiring in favour of some other group. Possibly Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Chung Chun and General Ho Ying-ching may take the reins from him. All of these officials are believed to be at Hankow at present.

It is reliably stated that certain Central Government circles in the past 48 hours have declared "if Japanese terms are reasonable" negotiations are possible. This is taken to indicate at least a desire to come to terms as long as some loop-holes are left for face saving.

It is authoritatively stated that the next few days will be most critical in determining China's future. It will be decided, it is thought, whether some group connected with the present Central Government will be found willing to talk with Japan, or if all factions will continue to insist upon resistance.

In the latter case the Japanese would probably create a "puppet regime" and completely ignore the Central Government.

Hoped For Help

It is stated among well-informed people that Marshal Chiang is staking all his hopes on assistance from Russia.

He has depended, too, upon supplies of war materials from abroad coming through Hongkong and Indo-China. The suggestion is that these supplies have been choked off.

Marshal Chiang is admittedly in a precarious position personally. He may be able to save himself by quick manoeuvring and remain master of China. But he may have to retire in favour of less conspicuous leaders, who are willing to talk terms with Japan.—United Press.

False Story Circulated

Shanghai Banks Not Closing Down

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

A report appearing in the local morning papers that the Shanghai branches of the four Government Banks have decided to close down, is described as entirely untrue by a spokesman of the Central Bank of China.

He declared that he had received instructions from Mr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, that these banks are to continue to function here for the sole purpose of maintaining the local money market here for the benefit and interest of all concerned.

The spokesman added that with the removal of the head offices of these four banks, business was no longer being conducted by them in Shanghai, and the only activities being carried on here were confined to the maintenance of currency and ordinary business of a commercial nature. He also remarked that the four banks would remain as long as they wanted.—Reuter.

Lansbury On Another Peace Mission

London, Dec. 7.

It is reported in the press that Mr. George Lansbury leaves London to-morrow for Prague, Warsaw and Vienna, where he will have interviews with leading statesmen as a representative of "the embassies of reconciliation," a group of Christian pacifists responsible for his peace journeys to Berlin and Rome last spring.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

PEACE RUMOUR ABROAD

Japanese Press Splashes Story

Talk Of Chiang Resigning

Tokyo, Dec. 8.

Based on the German Ambassador's 40-minute interview with the Foreign Minister yesterday afternoon and the fact that Germany has kept the Japanese Government fully informed concerning Dr. Oscar Trautmann's mediatory efforts at Nanking, the Japanese press today splashes rumours that the Chinese Government is about to sue for peace, declaring that the Cabinet yesterday evening discussed peace terms.

The Japanese press furiously debates whether Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will negotiate or will be overthrown, giving way to a regime more acceptable to Japan.

CAPITULATION EXPECTED

Japanese forces are concentrating before Nanking in bringing up their siege guns, and marking time, apparently in the expectation of a change in the regime at Nanking with the result that the city will capitulate unconditionally.

Japanese military leaders allegedly are not desiring to subject the city to the terrors of storming.

Meanwhile Japanese Cabinet ministers and officials are very busy in conference debating the Japanese policy in the event, firstly, of Chiang Kai-shek retreating to West China for prolonged resistance, when undoubtedly the Japanese Government will denounce his Government, and secondly the overthrow of the Generalissimo and the emergence of a "peace at any price" regime, leading to the eventual conclusion of a Japanese peace.—Reuter.

FILM STAR DIVORCED

Decree Against George Brent

Hollywood, Dec. 7.

Constance Worth, the actress has divorced George Brent, the well-known and popular film star.—United Press.

This is Brent's second unsuccessful excursion into marriage. In 1934 he was divorced from Ruth Chatterton.

For a long time Brent took "Ho Man" roles, but more recently he has enjoyed parts offering him wider opportunities for his ability as an actor.

Japanese Drive on Purple Mountain

IN CONSTANT FLIGHT



Some of the people of China have lived for weeks in constant flight, and almost constant terror. Here is one family seeking a new home, the father pushing a heavily loaded barrow on which his wife rides, while the son of the family sets the pace. As the tide of war advances so these unfortunate people move, uprooted completely, without a home and without hope for the future. They seek only escape.

Canton May Be Next War Area

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

It is widely reported that after the capture of Nanking the Japanese will occupy all the remaining important ports and cities of China, including Canton, Amoy, Pukioi, Foochow and Swatow.

However, reliable quarters believe the blockade is effective enough to remove the practical value of such a move, which makes it merely one of "face gaining" by the Japanese Navy.

By these occupations Japan will hold a sort of club over China's head forcing her into negotiations.—United Press.

SILVER MARKET ON EDGE

UNITED STATES' POSITION

New York, Dec. 7.

Silver issues on the Stock Exchange were firmer to-day on account of the belief that the Government will extend its silver buying beyond the New Year. However, the undertone was cautious pending clarification of the Government's policy.

Financial quarters assert the possibility that some of the signatory nations to the London Silver Pact will probably sell a portion of the metal which they are holding from the market until after the pact expires on December 31.

It is understood that President Roosevelt, Mr. Henry Morgenthau and silver experts are scheduled to meet in conference regarding silver forthwith. Meanwhile official circles at Washington are reported to be sympathetically viewing any overseas movement to extend the London pact.

The maintenance of the domestic price of newly mined silver around 77.57 is regarded as a foregone conclusion because of the politically powerful silver mining States, although the Treasury is reputed to desire a reduction of the price to a figure nearer world prices. On June 30 of the fiscal year the Treasury purchased about 53,000,000 ounces of silver.—(Continued on Page 4.)

CURTAIN PASSIVE DEFENCE MEASURES

Britain Places Responsibility On Air Force

London, Dec. 7.

Moving the third reading of the Air Raids Precautions Bill in the House of Commons today, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Home Secretary announced that an air raids precautions department would be organised upon Service lines. The staffs for planning duties and administrative duties would be separated.

Wing-Commander Hodsell would be the new chief of the air raids precautions staff with the post of Inspector-General, while Mr. W. G. Eady, Secretary of the Unemployment Assistance Board and one of the most competent organisers in the Home Office, would go to the Home Office to devote his full time supervising the administrative side of the work, with the title of Deputy Under-Secretary of State.

Sir Samuel Hoare said that two main conclusions emerged from the discussions on the Bill: firstly complete immunity was impossible, and secondly that it was wrong to concentrate a disproportionate amount of resources on the defence of London.—(Continued on Page 4.)

Japanese Make More Arrests In Settlement

Nanking, Dec. 8.

In spite of the protest of the International Settlement, the Japanese consular and military authorities at Shanghai are continuing to arrest civilians without previous warning to the Settlement police, according to information from foreign circles.

A Korean was arrested by the Japanese consular police in the Settlement south of the Sochow Creek and escorted to Hongkong on the night of December 6.

Chu Lin-yung, salesman of the Wu San bookstore at Taoukaidoo, was also arrested by Japanese troops on the morning of December 5 but was later released after questioning.—Central News.

NANKING GRIMLY AWAITS INVADER

Japan's Warships Reported Above Kiangyin Boom

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

The Japanese Army's spokesman here to-day would disclose no information with respect to the Nanking drive.

It is reliably reported that the Japanese are bringing up field guns to the summit of Purple Mountain, from which they will be able to dominate the city and the Yangtse River for many miles.

The Japanese Navy's spokesman persisted in denying that the Kiangyin Boom has been breached, but reliable foreign sources state that an unknown number of Japanese warships are above it, and have progressed as far as Chinkiang. This city is reported to be aflame almost from end to end, and fires are of incendiary origin. This is part of what the Chinese term their "scorched eyes" policy of leaving nothing behind which the Japanese can usefully appropriate.

Japan's Air Scouts On H.K. Border

Three Japanese aeroplanes were observed flying over Sham-chun this morning. The machines went up and down the river-course apparently searching for the new road link with Canton. So far as is known, no bombs were dropped.

ALLIANCE MAY BE RENEWED

Admiral Yamamoto Talks Of Anglo-Japanese Position

Singapore, Dec. 8.

Interviewed by the Straits Times, Rear-Admiral Shinjiro Yamamoto, who arrived here en route to Europe, expressed the opinion that the "Anglo-Japanese alliance had worked well in the past, and I think the time is coming when it will be recreated."

"I am certainly surprised that the British think Japan might send an expedition to take Singapore. We have not the remotest intention of sending a naval or military expedition here either in the present crisis or in the future."

"It is just as ridiculous to suggest Britain sending a Navy to Tokyo." Admiral Yamamoto is going to Europe on a special mission to the Pope, and later he will visit the United States.—United Press.

45 RESCUED FROM SINKING TUG

San Diego, Dec. 7.

The destroyer Conyngham rescued 45 aboard the naval tug Koka which grounded at San Clemente in a fog. The surf is pounding the vessel, the engine room of which is flooded, and it is believed the tug is a total loss.—United Press.

Foreign military experts in Nanking deprecate the unofficial Japanese reports that the Japanese have already "completely occupied" Purple Mountain and dominate the city. Advance units of the attacking army are believed to have reached the west slope.

The Japanese have succeeded partially in turning the Chinese banks, but the Chinese in their strong positions on the mountain should be able to hold out for days, and perhaps for weeks.

It is thought possible that the Japanese have slowed their advance owing to the imminence of the capture of Wuhu. This would force the Chinese to attempt flight across the river under an air and artillery barrage.—United Press.

Destroying War Equipment

Nanking, Dec. 8. With the capital about to fall into alien hands for the first time in its long history, Chinese defenders have begun a systematic destruction of ammunition dumps, gasoline depots and aeroplane hangars and workshops. All planes which were damaged and could not be repaired were also destroyed, but all aircraft in good condition left Nanking yesterday for a base inland.

Meanwhile the Chinese authorities are taking firm measures to suppress looting. Six would-be looters are reported already to have been shot, while hundreds of others have been arrested outside of the city area.

Two Chinese soldiers in a sampan attempted to hold up a tug belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, which was en route to the wharf from the Jardine's hulk, when the engine failed. The soldiers fired several shots, but none of the British passengers was injured. All lay flat on the deck during the firing.

All British sailings up-river have been cancelled as a result of the bombing of Wuhu, which was subjected to further air raids yesterday.

Meanwhile refugees of every description are flocking to the safety zone which the International Committee has appointed to Japan to isolate from warlike operations.

Deliberate Destruction

Chinese military authorities ordered the burning of the suburbs outside of the south and south-west gates of Nanking with a view to depriving the Japanese of cover, but it is announced they have no intention of destroying property inside of the city, except possibly structures such as bridges and water towers which may be useful to the Japanese forces.

Gunfire Audible

Gunfire was heard last night from Tangshan, near Chuyung, where three Japanese troops were reported to have been killed.—(Continued on Page 4.)

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Her Neck-Line

It has been said that a woman's age is revealed more truly by her neck than her face.

Since the neck includes the chin, a chin which is at all fleshy should be massaged with a reducing cream every night. There are also reducing vinegars to put under the skin with a rubber roller.

The tried and approved method of wearing a strap to hold cotton saturated in an astringent lotion in place under the chin, is excellent so long as the strap is light, and as small as possible.

Various bleaching creams as well as soaps whiten the neck as they clean. Lemon preparations are also useful, and it goes without saying that the neck should be as carefully made up when wearing an evening frock as one's face.

Then Exercise

TO-DAY'S insistence upon exercise for every defect was never so necessary as for the improvement of the neck.

The neck can, to some extent, be kept young and rounded by following the department exercises of walking around the room with a book balanced on your head.

Clasping the hands over the head, and then raising the hand against the pressure of the hands helps to strengthen the neck muscles too.

Or rotate the chin in a circle, not forgetting as you do, to lift the head from a normal position as though trying to stretch the head to the ceiling. This should be done every morning. A few weeks' practice should make a lot of difference to the line of your neck.

Present For A Bride

If you are buying cutlery for a wedding present, it is wise to be adventurous. Cutlery lasts a long time and what is orthodox to-day is well on the way to being very old-fashioned in a year or so.

But the simplest styles among to-day's—knives-and-forks—are worthy investments. Knives and forks with simply-shaped handles, quite flat and straight at the ends, are expressive of very good taste. There are also knives with bevelled handles which watch those on forks, while some of the newest knives have fairly long handles, and curved blades comparatively short.

The three-pronged forks seen among the newest cutlery are recommended as being easy to keep clean.

Leather At Home

LEATHER is not usually associated with bedroom furniture, but it can impart an air of luxury when decorated and embossed and used for new bedroom pieces.

A large wardrobe entirely covered with cream leather is embossed and painted with a scroll design. Inside, the wardrobe shows a lining of sycamore.

Edward wardrobes with glass tops are also covered with leather, and bedheads for divans are shaped in curves to a high centre point, both the line and the decorated leather showing the influence of Spanish furnishings.

3 Points for Pie Makers

You can put a good glaze on a sweet pie by brushing the pastry with lightly beaten egg white (it must not froth) and dusting it with fine white sugar.

When adding sliced or minced egg to a savoury pie, boil the eggs for fifteen minutes, cool quickly in cold water and crack the shell to let out the sulphur that otherwise turns the yolk green. Add the egg when the other items are cold or cool.

For raised pies use short or biscuit crust, and don't make the oven very hot.

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"Fare" Stops Tram As Driver Dies

A crowded tramcar charged along a busy Birmingham street recently without anyone at the controls after the driver had fallen to death from the platform.

It was stopped by a passenger who opened the sliding door and turned the controls.

As it pulled up with shuddering brakes a football crowd pushing its way over a busy crossing a short distance away dashed for safety.

The driver, Frank Green, aged 49, of Adam-road, Perry Beeches Estate, Birmingham, apparently had a seizure and fell from the platform, fracturing his skull, from which he died shortly afterwards in hospital.

PULLED LEVERS

The passenger who stopped the tram, a 38-year-old chartered accountant, Mr. E. A. Winters, of Shepherd's Green-road, Erdington, Birmingham, said:

"As the top deck was full I had to go in the bottom section and took the seat nearest the driver.

"I was reading, as usual when I heard someone shout, 'Stop the tram! Stop the tram!'

"I looked towards the driver's compartment and saw that there was no one there.

"For a few seconds I was at a loss as to what to do and then I threw open the door and pulled the levers in front, hoping the car would stop.

"It was travelling at a good rate, but fortunately it stopped in time.

"There was blood on the platform and, looking back, I saw the driver lying in the road."

Every Shot Counts

Cody, Wyo.
Five years ago, Mrs. Wylie Sherwin of the North Fork country near here received a gift of a big game rifle and a box of 20 shells. Since that time she has killed four elk and a deer. She still has 12 of the 20 gift bullets unused.

Amarillo Enlarges Airport

Amarillo, Tex.
Continuing this city's efforts to obtain high ranking in the nation's list of well-equipped airports, plans for two additional runways at the municipal field are being made.

13 Sopranos Strike

Blackpool, Nov. 8.
Thirteen sopranos refused to appear at Blackpool Musical Festival to-day because they said a test was too difficult. It was an aria from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," and competitors had to reach a top "E." Mr. Topliss Green, the adjudicator, adjourned the session because there were no more to sing.

NEW FRENCH 'PLANES FOR LONDON ROUTE

Reading Room And Bar

The Air France Company announces that a new four-engined plane, the Frelan 224, with seats for 40 passengers, a bar, reading-room and other accommodation, is shortly to be placed in service between Paris and London. Six machines of this type are being built and will all be ready in 1938. They will make the Paris-to-London journey in 80 minutes.

A new Bloch 220 machine, carrying 15 passengers as well as the crew, is already in service on the Paris-Lyon-Marseilles route, and 14 similar planes have been ordered.

The number of planes already attached to the Casablanca-Dakar line to connect with the Transatlantic service to South America is also to be increased until there are 20 in all reserved for this service.

Early Jail Rising Ended

Litchfield, Conn.
One of the first orders of newly appointed county sheriff Sutherland A. Beckwith was to advance the breakfast time for prisoners from 5:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. "I made the change because I could see no reason for getting up that early," Beckwith explained.

England To China And Back

MEETING SPOILT BY BOMBARDMENT

A WOMAN has just returned to England, after having travelled 20,000 miles to see her husband for two hours.

She is Mrs. Florence Conlbear, 38-year-old wife of Mr. Alan Conlbear, a Mohist missionary in Ningpo, a Chinese coastal village.

With her two children, Alan (11) and Barbara (8), she left her home at Chestnut Road, Plymouth, in July and sailed in the President Lincoln.

At Shanghai she was refused permission to land and was ordered to travel to Hongkong.

Mrs. Conlbear had almost given up hope of seeing her husband when a tender with Chinese refugees came alongside and she boarded the ship.

UNDER SHELL FIRE

In the meantime a Japanese destroyer had taken advantage of the liner's presence to cover her approach and began shelling the Woosung forts, while aeroplanes made a mass attack that lasted for four hours.

"The time I had with my husband was spoilt by the bombardment," Mrs. Conlbear said.

"After a few hours' stay at Shanghai I sailed with the children for Hongkong and stayed there a month with friends. My husband returned to Ningpo."

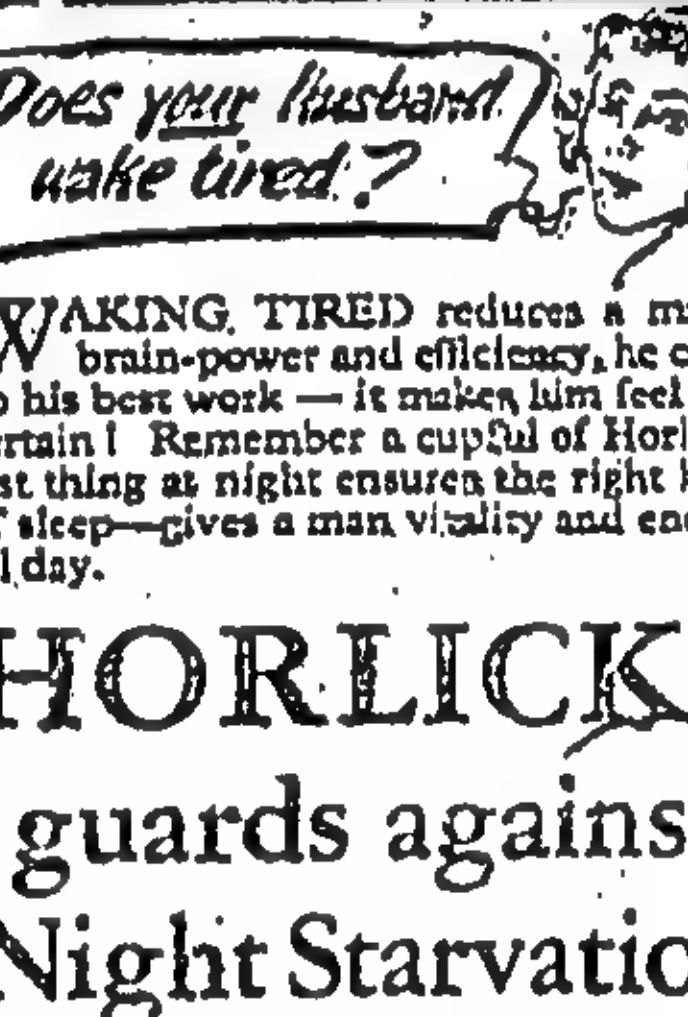
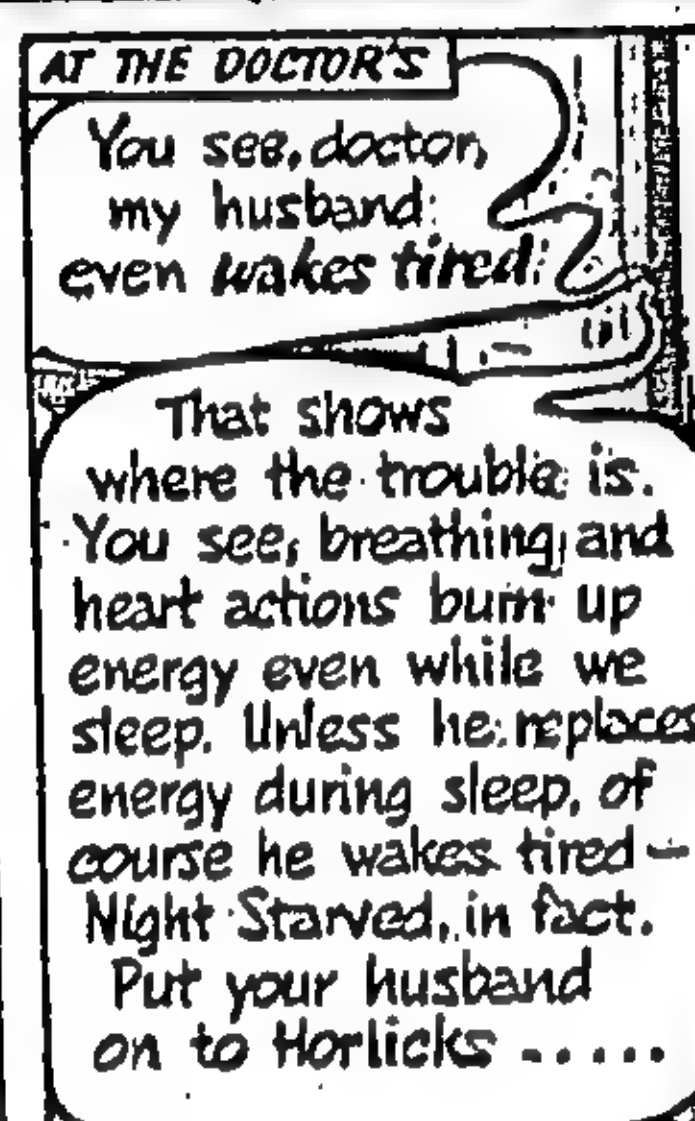
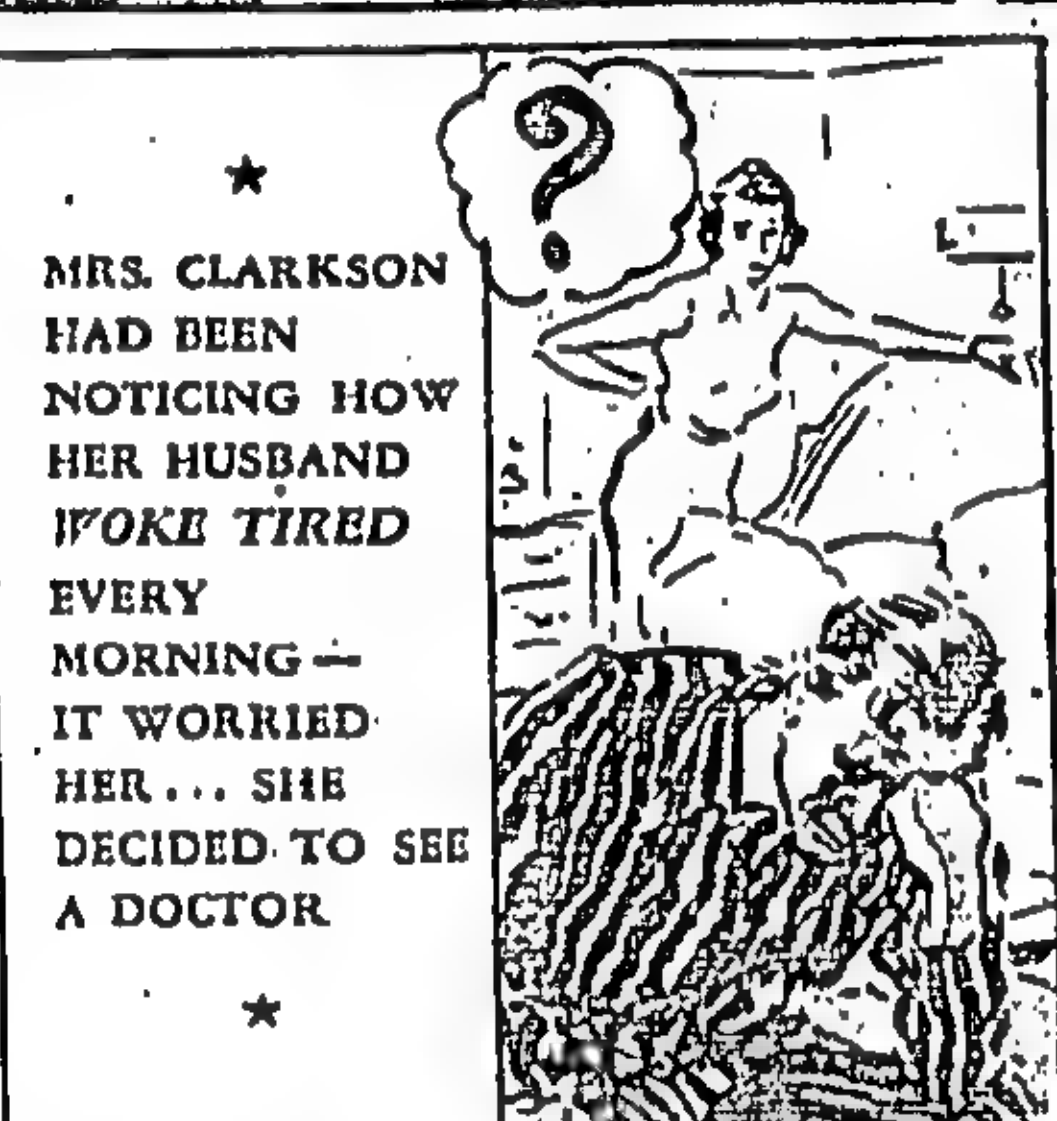
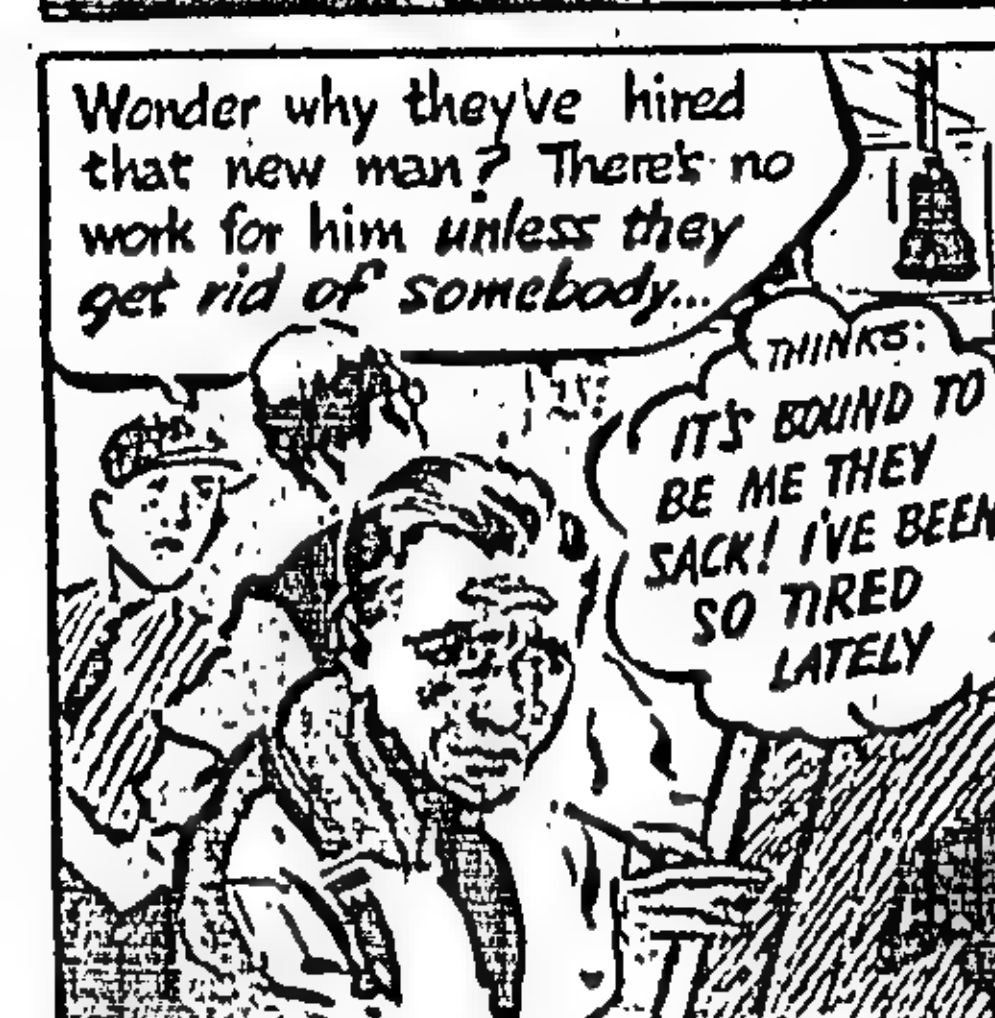
Mails 6 Months Slow

Wakefield, Mass.
Home owners here received literature extolling the opportunity to borrow under the Federal Home Loan plan—six months after the offer had expired. The postmaster explained that the delay occurred in Washington.

Wheel Tax Proposed

Sterling, Ill.
Proposal for a wheel tax here to obtain additional revenue for enlarging the police force is under consideration. The tax, it was said, would be a flat rate of \$2 for pleasure cars and \$3 for trucks.

He dared not tell his wife!



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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTS.

New York, Dec. 7.
S. C. & F. New York correspondent

Stocks: The market to-day showed evidence of some good buying and prices appear to be likely to rally further. Business failures during the week totaled 208, against 184 failures the previous week. Bank deposits amounted to \$14,912,000,000 as compared with \$16,005,000,000.

Cotton: Quiet and featureless, awaiting to-morrow's Government Bureau estimate. Print-cloth mills are reported to be reducing production by 25 per cent. for a period of 90 days.

Wheat: Europe fails to respond to bullish Argentine news and does not reach on upturn, apparently depending upon increasing Australian offerings to curb advances. There were no tenders for December wheat. There were testing orders at under market rates.

Corn: Country offerings are apparently awaiting a more satisfactory price. Export demand was on the light side.

Rubber: The market was easier on unfavourable cables and dealer selling. Improved consumption outlook is necessary to any sustained advance.

Sugar: A quiet market. There was a small amount of liquidation. S. C. & F. Dow-Jones summary of yesterday's market:

Prices to-day were irregularly higher, but business was dull. Aviation shares were a feature, in anticipation of Government orders, for some of the latest-type aeroplanes. Some shares, including Union Pacific and Coca-Cola, displayed weakness. Utilities were higher. Steel shares gained, with gains ranging to nearly two points. Farm implements were supported. Copper shares gained from fractions to a whole point. Silver shares were better. Rail equipments and most railroads were fractionally higher. Curb stocks and bonds were irregular, with United States Government bonds lower.

Wall Street Journal morning comment: The Street does not consider that Monday's market showed any special trend.

The member trade statistics are due for publication next week and will probably be unpleasant reading. There is no particularly constructive news to warrant buying.

The Street considers the extra dividend announced by the Allied Chemical Corporation as small, compared with the anticipated earnings. Selling for tax purposes on December 15 is expected next week.

There is more bullishness than bearishness at present.

Down Jones Averages, Dec. 8 Close

30 Industrials 128.21 128.31

20 Rails 31.91 32.03

20 Utilities 22.28 22.30

40 Bonds 93.43 93.38

11 Commodity Index 93.67 93.50

RADIO BROADCAST

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A. Davies, H. A. Lytton; D. Oldham, E. Griffin, B. Elburn, L. Sheffield, G. Baker and Chorus.

10.15 London Relay—The Coventry Hippodrome Orchestra, Conductor, William Fothergill. From the Hippodrome Theatre, Coventry.

Affraid to Dream (Gordon and Revel, arr. Bayford); A Moorland Idyll (Phillips); Selection, Princess Charmaine (arr. Ray Noble); El Landler (Jesse Styron—Pacher, arr. Kompanietz); Erin's Isle (Bayford-Carryll); These Foolish Things (Holt Marvell, arr. Cardew); Panto Parade (arr. Langdon).

11.00 Close Down.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Hongkong Stock Exchange, official summary 12.30 p.m. Wednesday, 8th December: The market was dull.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,500
China Light \$100
Sankon Light \$13
Cement \$12.30
Watson \$4.70
Wm. Powell, Ltd \$0.75
China Light Rights \$5

Sellers
H.K. Fire Ins. \$24.60
Telephones (Old) \$20.40
Wallace Harpers \$5

Prices
Hongkong Bank \$1,400
Provident (Old) \$2.05
H.K. Tramways \$13.30
China Light (Old) \$11.30
Dairy Farms \$24

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

OPIUM DIVANS RAIDED

Two raids on opium divans in West Point yesterday, conducted by Detective-Sergeant J. Allen, led to the appearance of their keepers before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Lo Pui-tai, 34, unemployed, charged with the possession of five pieces of prepared opium at No. 391 Queen's Road West, ground floor, and with keeping the place as an opium divan, was fined \$25 or two months on the second count. Sergeant Allen said the flat was a fairly large divan. He also produced a previous conviction against defendant for the same offence.

The second man, Lau Pak-yin, 25, unemployed, charged with the possession of 1.2 lbs. of prepared opium at No. 91 Belcher Street, first floor, and with keeping the flat as a divan, was fined \$25 or a month's hard labour, and \$25 or another month's hard labour on the respective counts.

All the opium, pipes and lamps seized were ordered to be confiscated.

AMBASSADOR RESIGNS

AT VARIANCE WITH
STATE DEPARTMENT

Washington, Dec. 7.
It is learned that Mr. William E. Dodd, United States Ambassador to Germany, resigned when he visited Washington last autumn.

State Department circles indicate that Mr. Hugh Wilson will soon be named Ambassador to Germany. It is revealed that Mr. Dodd had long been at odds with the State Department, particularly since Mr. Cordell Hull prevented the sending of a representative to the Nazi conference at Nuremberg.—United Press.

Jubilee Radio Broadcast

The special world-wide Jubilee Broadcast from Philips Radio Station, P.C.J., on wave lengths 19.71 M-16.2 M/C and 16.88 M-17.7 M/C, commences at 9.30 p.m. to-night, Hongkong time.

Details of the prizes and conditions appear elsewhere in this issue.

"BLACK OUT" TO-MORROW

The Royal Observatory will not display the customary time signal to-morrow at 9 p.m. owing to the "black out."

The public is reminded that failure to comply with the regulation with respect to lighting may involve a fine of as much as \$1,000.

TERRITORIAL ARMY INCREASES

London, Dec. 7.
Mr. Hore Belisha stated in the House of Commons that during the period ended October 31 last 43,023 recruits were finally approved for the Territorial Army, an increase of 10,520 on the number finally approved during the preceding year. The figure is a record one for a normal year.—British Wireless.

RIGHT OF BLOCKADE IS DENIED

British Answer
To Franco

London, Dec. 7.
A Note has been received from the Spanish Insurgent authorities regarding the declaration recently made by radio from Cadix on the blockade of the coasts of Government Spain.

In reply to this note the British Ambassador at Madrid has been instructed to remind General Franco that belligerent rights have not been recognised in the present conflict, and that therefore the British Government cannot recognise any right to declare a blockade of this kind.

British shipping, it is stated, will continue to be protected as heretofore and will not be interfered with trading with Spanish ports. A suggestion had been made that approaches to the ports of Government Spain would be mined and in this connection attention of the Insurgent authorities is called to the Hague Convention forbidding the laying of mines off the coasts and ports of the enemy with the sole object of intercepting commercial navigation. The suggested action, therefore, it is pointed out would be a breach of international law even if, as is not the case, belligerent rights had been granted.—British Wireless.

CURTAIN PASSIVE DEFENCE

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of money and man-power on defence which would create a dangerous bias in the public mind for passive precautions rather than for vigorous defence.

It was sound commonsense that London's best defence was a strong and vigorous air force capable of striking down an enemy air force.—Reuter.

EVACUATION PROBLEMS

London, Dec. 7.
The Government Air-Raid Precautions bill as amended in committee was considered on the report stage in the House of Commons, and the Home Secretary moved that in accordance with the undertaking he gave during the committee stage, a new clause specifically placing upon local authorities the duty to provide necessary information to enable the Government to prepare plans "for any necessary transference of the civil population in the event of a hostile attack from air."

The desirability of preparing schemes for the evacuation of the population from large towns, particularly children, had been stressed by a number of Members on both sides of the House in committee, and the new clause was generally welcomed by the Speaker.

The Home Secretary replying to the debate said the essence of the problem of evacuation was the magnitude of it. The Government regarded it as one of the most important connecting links between the precautions, and though they realised the difficulties, they would do their best to surmount them. He felt they would be in a better position to gauge them and to come to wise conclusions when they had received proposals of the local authorities. The new clause was agreed to.—British Wireless.

SILVER MARKET ON EDGE

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domestic silver at a cost of about \$42,000,000.

The Wall Street Journal understands that on Monday with the purchase of preventing the collapse of silver on the London market, the United States bought nearly 1,000,000 ounces largely because of the Far East warfare which weakened the market.

The Journal says that since China abandoned the silver standard "the only major demand for silver comes from private holders in India who bought exceptionally heavily in the past two years. Shipments to India, however, declined recently and India on Monday was a heavy seller. At present America is absorbing the bulk of the Mexican output, and there is indication so far whether she will continue to do so, or whether Mexican silver will be sold to London."

The Journal estimates that 30,000,000 ounces of China silver arrived in London during past weeks, apparently to use as a credit base, since it has not yet been offered on the market.

The World Telegram understands that 10,707,000 ounces of Chinese silver arrived in New York making the total receipts from China on the recent movement of 30,000,000 ounces. The newspaper comments "presumably this is to be used as collateral credits for the Chinese Government."

The newspaper understands that the Japanese captured a considerable quantity of silver, a portion of which was sold "in kind of shipment." Both factors contributed further to market nervousness.—United Press.

FAILED TO APPEAR AS JUROR

Mr. Hans Herbert Muller was fined \$5 by Mr. R. Edwards for failing to appear as a juror on December 6 at the Central Magistracy.

JAPANESE DRIVE ON PURPLE MOUNTAIN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Japanese guns are reported to be in action. Meanwhile, as a warning to the public, the bodies of six looters executed yesterday have been exhibited at the railway station.

The safety zone is flying distinctive flags for the first time.

Police have requested the populace either to enter or to leave the city as they declare the remaining gates of the wall will shortly be closed in order to control movements of the people.

After a military conference yesterday, General Tang Sheng-chih Commander of the Nanjing garrison ordered all troops to leave the safety zone. The order was promptly obeyed, anti-aircraft guns at Wutashan, near the United States Embassy being quickly removed. Other military stores are still being taken out.

A tour of the safety area by Reuter's correspondent revealed that the zone is crammed with people, with thousands still pouring in. The thoroughfares leading to the zone are almost impassable as a continual stream of humanity flows in, in unending waves. Everywhere in the zone, refugees are sitting in the bitter cold with their humble possessions, patiently waiting provision of accommodation.—Reuter.

Attack From Three Sides

Nanking, Dec. 8.
It has been ascertained that Japanese infantry units are advancing on Nanking from three directions.

One column from Kuoyung, 22 miles south-east of Nanking, is pushing forward along the highway from Chihluoshan, north of Tangshuichen, to Chillingmen, the east outer gate of the capital.

A second column is pressing an attack on Shunhuachen, 12 kilometres outside Kwanghsien Gate, from Tientsin, about 22 kilometres south of Kuoyung. This column comprises some mechanised units and is supported by aeroplanes.

The Chinese forces are maintaining positions south of Shunhuachen to check this advance.

During a skirmish yesterday scores of the Japanese vanguards were killed and about 20 rifles seized by the Chinese defenders.

A third column, from Lishui, is engaging the Chinese forces at Yinhuachen, about five kilometres north of Mulingkuo, and about 22 kilometres south of Nanking.—Central News.

Delaying Attack

Shanghai, Dec. 8.
Japanese sources hinted that Japanese troops are delaying the Nanking attack due to the belief that the Chinese are panicky and are retreating. As a result they believe the Japanese will soon be able to enter the city without fighting.

These sources state that the sight of thousands of Chinese troops crossing the river and blowing up the munition dumps indicates that the Chinese will not defend Nanking.

Meanwhile the Japanese are bringing up supplies and strengthening their lines in the hope that the Chinese will decide to defend the city.

In Shanghai it is said that 300,000 Chinese troops are defending Nanking, and it is said that fighting occurred yesterday in the vicinity of Tangshan, east of the capital. It is denied that Tangshan has fallen.

12 Miles Away

Meanwhile it is said that Japanese troops have captured the Tienchu Temple, two miles from Kwanghsien and Nanking.

Foreign military observers are very doubtful about the effectiveness of the 300,000 Chinese troops which are between Wuhu and Nanking, because over two-thirds of them are provincial soldiers.

A foreign military observer said he understood the Japanese army at the present was pressing against the walls of Nanking.

In the meantime, reports from Nanking indicate that Chinese troops are steadily drawing in towards the city, leaving rearward detachments at the front burning everything in the path of the Japanese advance.

It is reliably reported that the Japanese forces are executing a flanking movement to arrive at the north and west gates simultaneously, thus cutting off the Chinese retreat to Pukow.

It is officially stated at Nanking that members of the Embassies are likely to board the U.S.S. Panay at any moment. Chinese anti-aircraft are replying to Japanese raids, but only in short, sporadic bursts.—United Press.

Foreigners Ready To Move Out

Nanking, Dec. 8.
The U.S.S. Guam arrives at Wuhu from Nanking to-day. The s.s. Tangshan is loading on refugees, while the Americans from Nanking are advised not to go ashore from the U.S.S. Panay.—United Press.

Chinese Retreat Orderly

Nanking, Dec. 8.
Mr. A. L. Patterson, President of the China Almshouse Company of Shanghai, arrived here yesterday after taking two weeks to make the journey from Shanghai.

He reported that Chinkiang was badly damaged by air bombing and that the A.P.C. office there had suffered from a direct hit. He also declared that the retreating Chinese troops were well behaved and disciplined and that they shot all looters found in the streets of Chinkiang.—Reuter.

Mobilisation Plan For Szechwan

Chengtu, Dec. 8.
A programme calling for the mobilisation of all able-bodied men in the province to stand by for service in

Volunteer Withdrawal Now Nearer

Russian Criticises
Franco's Reply

"Pocket General" Abused

London, Dec. 7.
A communiqué states that the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee preliminarily has considered the replies of the two parties in Spain regarding the withdrawal of volunteers. The committee recognised that the replies were of such a nature that it would be possible to continue its task.

The sub-committee also considered methods of constituting the Commissions which are to be sent to Spain to organise the withdrawal of the volunteers.

The Chairman's sub-committee will have a meeting on Thursday and the Technical sub-committee will meet on December 8 and 10.

M. Leon Malsky, the Soviet representative, speaking at the meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee strongly criticised General Franco's reply to the committee's suggestion for the withdrawal of volunteers.

After describing the Spanish Government's reply as satisfactory, M. Malsky said that General Franco's reply was "vague, not clear and ambiguous, while his reasoning is not only irrelevant but equally insolent, coming from the mouth of a pocket General, unable, without foreign aid, to stand on his own feet."

M. Malsky, however, strongly urged proceeding with the preparatory work in the hope that General Franco will subsequently give the committee such an interpretation to his reply that will enable the committee to effect a real withdrawal of volunteers.—Reuter.

MANCHUKUO'S "EMPEROR" FOR PEACE

Rome, Dec. 7.
An exchange of congratulatory telegrams between Emperor Pu Yi of Manchukuo and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy on the occasion of the recognition of Manchukuo is announced.

Emperor Pu Yi said in part: "We can work together in the cause of world peace."—Reuter.

R.A.F. PLANES SPEED ON WAY TO AUSTRALIA

Jerusalem, Dec. 7.
Five R.A.F. flying boats, which are flying to Sydney for the 15th anniversary of New South Wales, passed over Jerusalem this morning.—Reuter.

KING WATCHES RUGBY MATCH

London, Dec. 7.
For the first time since his accession the King was present at Twickenham to-day and watched the Oxford and Cambridge rugby match, remaining until end of game. A crowd of over 40,000 gave His Majesty great reception. Oxford won by one goal and four tries (17 points) to one drop goal (4 points).—British Wireless.

1,000 Casualties In Wuhu

Nanking, Dec. 8.
An arrival from Wuhu reported that at least 1,000 Chinese civilians were killed and injured during the Japanese air raid along the waterfront of Wuhu last Sunday.

He asserted that the casualties at the wharf where the s.s. Tatung was moored were exceptionally high as thousands of refugees had flocked to the wharf hoping to gain passage to travel upriver. The bombs scored direct hits in the midst of this crowd.—Central News.

Newspapers Publishing At Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 8.
Despite the war situation Chinese papers are still continuing publication at Nanking. These include three morning papers, the Fu Lung Daily, the Hsin Hwa Daily and the Nanking Morning Post, and two evening papers, the Fu Lun Evening News and the Ching Hwa Evening News.

The official Central Daily News has been removed to Hankow.—Central News.

Nanking Declared War Zone

Nanking, Dec. 8.
Beginning from to-day, Nanking will be considered as a war zone. It is informally announced by the Chinese authorities. All civilians who are unable to leave the city will have to move to the refugee zone marked out by the authorities.—Central News.

POST OFFICE.

CHRISTMAS AIR MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN

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The Christmas Air Mail for Great Britain by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office as follows:
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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

INWARD MAILES

From	Per	Due
Hainan	Canton	December 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kowloon	December 9.
Nanning	Nanning	December 9.
Rajputana	Rajputana	December 9.
Strait and Europe via Suez (Letters and papers)	London, 11th November and London parcels—London date—4th November.	December 9.
Manila	Schamhorst	December 9.
Java and Manila	Tyngara	December 9.
Australia and Manila	Change	December 10.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 10.
date, 1st December.		
U.S.A., Canada, and Japan (Seattle, 20th November)	Pres. McKinley	December 10.
Japan	Bokuyou Maru	December 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tainan	December 11.
Manila	Victoria	December 11.

OUTWARD MAILES

For	Per	Date and Time.
Straits	Wednesday	Wed., Dec. 8, 5 p.m.
	Thursday	
Holbow	Munam	Thurs., Dec. 9, 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Thurs., Dec. 9, 10 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhol via Kongmoon)	Tai Lee	Thurs., Dec. 9, 11.00 a.m.
Bonnyvis	Bonnyvis	Thurs., Dec. 9, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Calcutta	Hosang	Thurs., Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
	Ordn.	Dec. 9, 5 p.m.

Air Mail for North China, Sian and Eurasia Plane

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Kwangtung Pushes Food Production

Banks To Assist Farmers

Canton, Dec. 8. To effect a closer co-operation between the farmers and bankers in Kwangtung in pushing the emergency food production programme, Governor Wu Te-chen has appointed Dr. D. Y. Lin, Director of the Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry, as head of a Food Production Loans Department.

Under the new plan district magistrates or representatives of farmers may approach this department for loans for food production.

Rapid progress has been made in winter cultivation and the promotion of growing minor food crops, such as wheat, barley, sweet potatoes, beans, etc., since the Emergency Food Programme was launched shortly after the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in the north. The bankers in Kwangtung have supported the programme by advancing \$1,500,000 which have been used as loans for production work.—Central News.

FOREIGN OFFICE IN HANKOW

Hankow, Dec. 8. In order to facilitate the work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs an office will be maintained in Hankow where important members of the ministry will be stationed. It is learned here. The head office of the ministry, however, will be established at Chungking which is the new seat of the Central Government. Part of the staff of the ministry is leaving here to-day for Chungking.—Central News.

Stock Market In Doldrums

London, Dec. 7. Apart from firmness in Brazilian stocks, the London Exchange had a disappointing day, and most prices moved lower, more for want of fresh buying than any noticeable selling pressure. Industrials especially were adversely affected by the poor unemployment returns. Home Rails suffering for the same reason. Indian iron weakened owing to the unsettled state of silver which at the fixing rose 1/100 for cash, but was unchanged for the forward rate later. India paid 5/16ths over the fixed price for forward deals.—Reuter's Special.

POOTUNG'S 'MAYOR' ASKS CO-OPERATION OF S'HAI CHINESE

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Su Hsi-wen, "Mayor" of the Pootung administration, has circulated the Chinese public organisations asking for their co-operation.

The letter points out that since the withdrawal from Shanghai of the Kuomintang troops, everything has been at a standstill. It goes on to state that "at the request of various circles" he assumed the post of Mayor and he desires to restore normal conditions.

A feature of the letter is the use of the old Chinese calendar which was abolished by the Central Government.—Reuter.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

Commodore E. B. Dicken of No. 102 The Peak was fined \$10 by Mr. H. Edwards at the Central Magistracy for allowing his unmuzzled dog in Findlay Path.

Mr. I. B. Trevor of the Kowloon-Canton Railway reported to the police that 48 drums of oil valued at \$310 had been stolen from the railway depot at Hungshui.

A \$5 fine was imposed on Mr. H. C. Margrett of No. 205 The Peak by Mr. H. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for allowing his bull terrier dog to be abroad without a muzzle.

Charged with possession of five tins of prepared opium and keeping an opium den at 247 Yu Chau Street, first floor, Li Tim, 33, unemployed, was fined \$75, or in default two months' hard labour, by Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Tang Hui, of the Hop Cheong Lung firm, Kennedy Town, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was summoned for failing to stamp a receipt for \$27.40, received on October 20, 1936, from Po Sang-tung, of 41 Belcher Street.

SAD SCENE IN CENTRAL COURT

When Chung Ah-mo, 45, unemployed, was sentenced to 10 months' hard labour by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for returning from banishment before the expiration of his term, his wife and

young daughter clung to his arms through the bars of the dock, and had to be forcibly taken away from him, and carried out of Court.

Chung was banished for 10 years on July 5, 1932. He said he came back to work as a carpenter. Sub-inspector F. Tuckett said defendant was arrested on information in Wanchai.

Fines totalling \$335 were imposed on a 30-year-old man named Li Shui when he admitted three charges of keeping an opium den in a house in Ngan Chi Wan Road on November 30, possession of prepared opium and possession of heroin pills before Mr. K. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day. If Li is not able to pay the fines he will have to go to gaol for six months. Det-Sergeant MacPherson, who prosecuted, said that the den was a large one and the smokers in it were mostly ex-seamen.

Territorial Army Under Investigation

Administration Made Subject Of Inquiry

London, Dec. 7.

The personnel of the committee to enquire into the general administration of the Territorial Army, the appointment of which was forecast by the War Secretary a fortnight ago when he outlined measures to be taken to recognise the full status of the Territorials as an integral part of the defence system, was announced in the House of Commons to-day.

The Under Secretary of State for War, Lord Strathcona will be chairman, and other members are Major General Sir John Brown, recently appointed Deputy Director-General of the Territorial Army, Colonel the Viscount Cobham, who is Vice-Chairman of the Council of the Territorial Army Association, Colonel Sir Robert Johnson, Deputy Master and Controller of the Royal Mint, and Mr. J. R. Wade of the War Office.

The enquiry is intended to be comprehensive, covering the organisation, and finance of county associations, and the simplification of relations between the War Office and the Associations on the one hand, and the Associations and units on the other.—British Wireless.

Mothers Want No Wars

Washington, Dec. 7.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, at a press conference to-day, received Mrs. Waka Yamada of the Shufunotomo, who was accompanied by Miss Tojiko Kudo, of Columbia University.

Mrs. Yamada told Mrs. Roosevelt that Japanese and Chinese mothers do not hate each other. They want to co-operate to end the conflict, and they seek the aid of American mothers to that end.

Mrs. Roosevelt said: "I think all women, particularly mothers, will welcome an early suggestion that women work together to end the conflict. Women, being very practical, realise that we cannot eliminate differences among the peoples, but we should work together to find methods to prevent those differences from reaching a point of armed conflict."—United Press.

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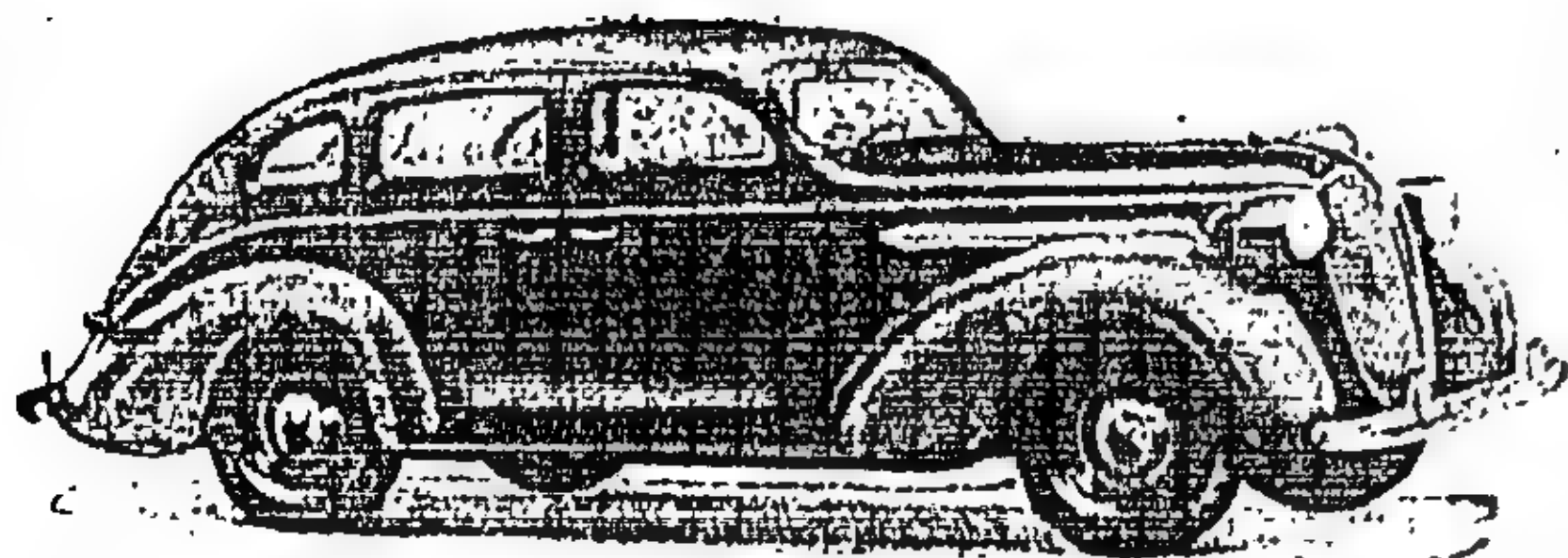
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HOPE DIES HARD

There is a feeling abroad that international affiliations in Europe may be undergoing change. It is hardly conceivable that any alignment could be more dangerous than that which exists to-day, and there is therefore reason for optimism. If a grain of comfort can be found in the fact that any change is likely to mean more security, it is there for the chewing; but it is an unsatisfactory sort of meal.

It would be senseless to deny the underlying menace contained in such agreements as the anti-Comintern Pact between Germany, Italy and Japan. True, it is ostensibly a defensive arrangement, and as such adds little to the general apprehensiveness. But to Russia it must convey a particular significance. To Italy and Germany, on the other hand, the former military understanding between Britain, France and Belgium must have had the appearance of a cloud on the horizon even when days were at their brightest. Given a general muddling of international affairs, with civil wars and hectic politics creating the tension to be expected from them, the Anglo-Franco-Belgian alignment must have been a nightmare to certain statesmen further east in Europe. When France added Russia to her already powerful and potent list of potential allies—even though the agreement was solely defensive—the shock naturally stimulated her neighbours to look for a means of countering this diplomatic thrust. And so out of the chaos that is Europe the Rome-Berlin axis was born; no love child, but a creature of stark necessity in the eyes of its creators.

The later development of the anti-Comintern alliance, bringing to Germany's side two decidedly belligerent states, added to the consternation of the chancelleries. One can imagine the statesmen's feelings as they realised the trend, the rushing of sympathetic peoples into the opposing camps, the piling up of armaments on both sides, the dreadful spectre of civil war in more than one country in consequence of the disturbed political life and the feeding of the fires by propagandists. One can almost see them groping for a solution. It must have become clear to them that their previous course was leading towards disaster. Someone, it may have been Lord Halifax, suddenly hit upon the idea of working in an exactly opposite direction. In any event it was Lord Halifax who went to Germany and had certain talks with Herr Hitler which gave both London and Berlin some reassurance. If, as a result of this beginning, Britain and Germany together can bridge the abyss between the opposing factions in Europe—whose alliances spread around the world, it would seem—they will have accomplished much for civilisation. For there have been times when it appeared that the weight of circumstances would topple the nations into that abyss on the edge of which they walked precariously.

There is nothing more destructive to peace of mind than uncertainty. Economically and politically the world has suffered from this state of things for far too long. If only it could be assured that all armaments are defensive, that all alliances are protective, that neutrality could only be offended by direct attack, how much simpler the efforts of the diplomats in Europe and in the Far East. It is not going too far to say that there is more hope now that Germany and Britain are apparently trying to remove old hazards.

Street-corner
ARMY

BABY was just a few months old. It was chubby, bright-eyed and lively, fascinated by the banner of "Blood and Fire" under which its grandmother held it.

Said that grandmother to the young parents as they stood before an audience of 1,700 people:

"Are you willing that it should spend all its life for God wherever He may choose to send it and not withhold it at any time from such hardship, suffering, want or sacrifice as true devotion to the service of Christ and the Salvation Army may entail?"

And the young mother replied that she was willing.

Thus the fourth generation of Booths was dedicated.

It is seven years since I witnessed that scene at the Regent Hall, London, but it has remained as vivid as another scene which I also witnessed.

This time it was not the baptism, but the death of a Salvationist.

A COMMISSIONER had a heart attack at a meeting. He was dying. Grey-haired and venerable, he knelt beside him praying fervently, tearfully for his life.

"He has gone," whispered the officer, who had his arms around him.

With that, those sixty Salvation veterans—the tears still on their cheeks, but smiles upon their lips, rose, shouted joyfully, shook hands with each other as for a great victory.

"Praise God," they cried as one.

"He has been promoted to Glory."

What manner of men and women are these who are willing that their children should be martyred and who welcome death with a smile of triumph?

WHAT is this Salvation Army, which since William Booth first gave it its title 60 years ago, has carried the banner of Blood and Fire into 90 countries, has preached the Gospel in 87 languages, and has fulfilled a great social work in every corner of the earth?

Like the vast majority of its officers and "soldiers," the Army belongs to the common-people. It is recruited almost entirely from the working-classes.

It was born in the squalor and misery of the East End of London, where William Booth, the Methodist minister, had established the Christian Mission. It was a brotherhood of poverty and mutual privation.

If the well-to-do helped it, it was because it was a saviour to the conscience of 19th Century industrialism.

The "Darkest England" movement which launched its social work was a crusade against social abuses. True, it treated the symptoms and not the causes.

It went after the drunkard, rather than the slum; and drudgery out of which drink was

a "short-cut." It sought sin in the individual and not in the system.

But it did, and is still doing, incalculable good in helping, spiritually and morally, those who might have sunk pitifully in the sludge of social injustice.

Essentially, it was the poor helping the poor.

And to-day it is the same type of humble men and women who are carrying on the real work of the Army.

It is now a great organisation. Its General and the Commissioners are "Elder Statesmen" who meet in solemn council.

But it is among the self-sacrificing "soldiers," beating the tambourines, or among the obscure "officers" in the back-streets of the slums, that the Army, perhaps, finds its truest expression.

Think of the Army, not as the elaborately stage-managed act for some spectacular, albeit inspired, leader, but as an organisation made up of little groups that you see at the street corners.

The Salvation "ladies," in their poke bonnets; the "soldiers," in their uniforms (they have to pay for them), maybe just a cap and a jersey; the young earnest lieutenant, just out of training college, leading the songs; the captain, struggling to build up his "corps."

The "soldiers" are the local volunteers. The captain and lieutenant are paid officers.

Officers are recruited from the

volunteers. Young men or women (between 18 and 25) who, having been converted, and having given voluntary service in some local corps, are prepared to give up their jobs (they must not be unemployed), and "follow the flag," can go to the training college at Camberwell as cadets.

For ten months they undergo an intensive course, not only in gospel teaching and evangelism, but in social work, music, general education, and "Orders and Regulations."

SOME 300 cadets pass through the college every year, "living-in" as at a university, but giving unsparingly of time and service.

And, when at last they are considered properly equipped, they have a strange "graduation ceremony" at the Albert Hall.

They march into the hall to receive their "Marching Orders." They do not know, until their commissions are handed to them, where they are going.

It may be to Thurso or to Penzance. It may be to a corps in their own town, or to one hundreds of miles away. Some may be sent abroad, but they will have been, at least, consulted and probably specially trained, beforehand.

They may be sent out as "field officers" or as social workers.

Of the Army's 20,000 officers, about 20,000 are "in the field." That is, they are evangelists, preachers, pastors.

The rest are social workers looking after settlements and homes, doing work as probation officers, marriage-menders, caring for drunkards, unmarried mothers, orphans, or old, neglected people. They are concerned with souls, but also with bodies in which these souls are being tortured.

The Army would resent it if I distinguished between the two as "The Spiritual" and "The Practical." It would say that both were spiritual.

It is a career of self-sacrifice although one large-hearted Salvation Army woman officer, the other day, said to me:

"We are really most selfish people. We do it because it gives us so much satisfaction."

An officer forswears all worldly amusements. He or she does not smoke or drink, go to dances, cinemas, theatres, or places of public amusement, be "dressed" or "fashionable."

Officers cannot marry outside the Army. If a young man is engaged before he enters the Army, his fiancée must also take the course and qualify as an officer.

If he falls in love, after he is an officer, he must get permission to become engaged. The girl must be a Salvationist; or be prepared to become one.

"The needs of the 'War' are above all human desire," said an officer to me, when I remonstrated about this. "Each must be a proper helpmate to the other."

A married officer, without children, gets furnished quarters, a minimum of 28s. a week, and a maximum of 35s. a week; he may make a little more as the "news-agent" for "The War Cry."

His corps is expected to yield him his salary, but the first charge is always the buildings, rates, taxes, etc. If the corps cannot, headquarters steps in.

An officer with three children at school gets a minimum of 38s. and a maximum of 48s. a week.

The Territorial Commander is bound to bring the amount up to the minimum.

Promotions mean small increments. The scales (which are higher in the U.S., New Zealand and Australia than in this country) have been fixed by the economic level of the people around them. The Army officers must remain poor amidst poverty.

NOW the Field Officer, such as the commander of a local corps, has a full day. He must go visiting throughout the day, sitting by the sick, comforting the wretched, doing good by stealth. He must hold outdoor meetings and his "citadel" must be open every evening for worship.

On Saturday he must go round the public-houses selling "The War Cry."

Bandmen are all volunteers. They, too, must take the vows of self-denial, and shun all worldly pleasures.

Promotion is normally by length of service, although the higher commands are selected by the General, who can also advance an exceptional officer, regardless of service.

A telegram may transfer an officer from Chipping Norton to Devil's Island. "Marching Orders" must be obeyed.

The Army marches on.

To-day's Thought

NO pain, no palm; no thorns,
no thorns; no gall, no glory;
no cross, no crown.
—WILLIAM PENN.

vidence by novelists. We shall probably reflect also that the only thing that never turns up again is the money we lose.

Arthur T. Rich.

STORIES OF STRANGE FINDS

IN a recent issue of the *Shetland Times* the following strange story appeared:—A Shetland woman, working in the garden, lost a ring. Intensive search proving unavailing, she gave it up as lost.

The sequel was surprising in the extreme. Twelve months later she was preparing potatoes for dinner when, cutting a curiously shaped specimen, she was amazed to find inside of it the long lost ring.

Strange finds of this nature are not as rare as might be supposed. From collected cuttings of the past few years the following amazing stories are gleaned.

There is the case of the lost war medal. A British officer just after the war dropped one of his decorations into the sea and gave it up as lost. Thirteen years later the P. & O. liner *Bendigo* weighed anchor at Malta. In the mud clinging to the anchor was the medal. It belonged to Captain Yates of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He met the liner at Port Said, where the war decoration was returned to him.

Mouse's "Mascot"

Another story is taken from an American newspaper. This also concerns a ring, the property of a Mr. Emmott Williams, a farmer of Wareville, Georgia, U.S.A.

One night he trapped a mouse in his corn crib and received the surprise of his life. The dead mouse had around his body, so tightly wedged that it was difficult to remove, the ring that had eluded search.

If this story sounds "too American," here is one from Devonshire. A farmer brought his bride to church, but at the critical point in the service he could not find the

wedding ring, though he was certain it had been put safely in his waistcoat pocket when he left home.

After an agonising search the clergyman advised him to borrow a ring from a member of the congregation. This was done, and the wedding proceeded.

Twelve months later the parish church gardener found the missing ring. He had discovered a nest of field mice, and there the now rather dullest golden circlet was. The farmer bridegroom had dropped it, and the ring had been claimed later as building material by mice.

Lost Locomotive

The strangest loss of recent years perhaps is that of a locomotive that went missing.

For days the officials of the New South Wales local line searched for it high and low. Then somebody found it behind some buildings in a brick field.

Strangely enough, it had run away in the night and gone off the lines at the very spot where all its working life it had delivered truck loads of bricks. It was as if a horse or a dog had found its way home.

Old-fashioned stories which used to adorn fiction concerning magpies and other birds carrying off trinkets of great value and causing innocent people to be suspected of crime are not nearly as unlikely as they seem.

Only last year a Norfolk farmer lost his watch, to discover it again when a nest fell from off the roof of his house.

After this we shall think twice before criticising the use of coin-

COMMENCING MR. T. PAUL GREGORY'S

Personalities Of Old Hongkong

JAMES LEGGE, D. D., LL. D.

OF all the cities in the Orient, Hongkong has been the residence of an imposing galaxy of talented individuals, who, by their versatility and plodding endeavour have earned for themselves the reward of merited and enduring fame. One of those who made our Colony his home during a long sojourn of thirty years in the Far East was Dr. James Legge, the learned Sinologist and Orientalist. Perhaps no one has contributed more than he towards paving the way for the cordial understanding between China and the West; for his translation of and commentary upon the *corpus* of the "Chinese Classics"—a herculean labour entirely conceived and executed in Hongkong—have been the means of penetrating the veil of stygian darkness which formerly obscured China and all things Chinese. Indeed, so painstaking and accurate was his work that it is to-day yet held to be the standard, and is justly for all those who seek to gain a comprehensive insight into the mode of thought, for, as all those who are acquainted with this remarkable people realise, the "Four Books" of the great Sages, Confucius and Mencius, are in reality the foundation of Chinese ethics, and, moreover, were until quite recent years, the corner-stone upon which the entire structural fabric of the Chinese system of education was laid.

James Legge was born at Huntly, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and like many a Caledonian lad before and since, early hearkened to the call of the East, so that we first find him at the age of 24, labouring as an instructor in the Anglo-Chinese school at Malacca. His few months of Chinese study under the tutelage of Prof. Kidd at the University of London had fired him with a desire to thoroughly master the written language of these teeming millions of Asia, and although Malacca had a considerable Chinese population, they were largely merchants and petty traders who had little knowledge to impart to a man of Legge's impetuous ardour and commendable assiduity, so that there fore he determined after a couple of years of more or less restricted, if not bootless effort, to transfer the field of his labours to a more congenial and profitable environment—Hongkong.

Dr. Legge arrived in Hongkong with his family in May 1843, and as he said in his own words some thirty years later, "I have not forgotten the sensations of delight with which, when we had passed Green Island, I contemplated the ranges of hills on the north and the south, embosoming between them the tranquil waters of the bay. I seemed to feel that I had found at last the home for which I had left Scotland." Little do we realise at the present day that at that time the decision to make Hongkong a place of European residence was truly a momentous one; for the newly dedicated Colony enjoyed during the first decade or so of its existence the invidious reputation of being the most unhealthy spot on the globe, and many a Briton of that era questioned the wisdom of Her Majesty's counsellors for retaining such a barren, insalubrious and inauspicious island which was nothing more nor less than one vast cemetery. Indeed, so dreaded was the place that those who visited the Colony in the early forties were "thankful to Providence that they had managed to come out alive, and that if the truth were generally known no sane human being would dare to make Hongkong his home; for in this fever-ridden spot life was so uncertain, that of the graves dug each morning, none knew who would be the occupant before nightfall." Legge himself remarked: "Although I was charmed with the general appearance of the place, and the energy that was manifest in laying out the ground and pushing on building, I found many of the residents oppressed with gloom because of its unhealthiness." As we look back upon that period now nearing the century mark, we can scarcely comprehend the feelings of those early citizens, and we are amazed that the

name "Hongkong fever" was at one time a term defined in medical dictionaries; yet when we consider that the real cause of malaria was still unknown, and that sanitary arrangements of the infant Colony were negligible with open drains everywhere, we are not at all surprised at the wastage of human lives; for under such conditions "an atmosphere of disease, which only the strongest constitutions and prudent living were able to resist, might be said to envelope the inhabitants day and night."

Dr. Legge was, however, not a man to be deterred by even such a melancholy portrayal; for he truly fore-imagined that the Colony was destined to enjoy a great future, and that by temperate living the span of human life would be just as great as in England or in America. In fact, the mortality statistics of Hongkong attest that after the first decade, conditions improved enormously with effective drainage, better supply of water, and the planting of trees and vegetation on the erstwhile barren island. Indeed, the death rate for foreign residents, not including the military, averaged from 1860-1870 a little over four per cent.; whilst in 1880-1890 it was reduced to 2 per cent.—a rate said to be much lower than that prevailing in England at that date.

In the first directories of the Colony we find that Dr. Legge is mentioned as a minister of the London Missionary Society with headquarters in Hollywood Road. Indeed, it was due largely to his vision and patient, steady work that the Society was enabled to accomplish so much good amongst the Chinese people of Kowloon. He realised, however, that in order to gain converts much depended upon the formation of a native clergy, and with this end in view, he established a theological seminary in 1848 for the training of Chinese boys for the Christian ministry. This institution he carried on for years with unflinching zeal, until he finally saw that the students that he had so carefully instructed and provided for, did not seem inclined to become humble and self-denying preachers of the Gospel; but on the other hand availed themselves of their English education to secure for themselves more lucrative posts as clerks in either the Government service or in the foreign mercantile establishments. It was, therefore, with great reluctance that he was forced to abandon this fleeting hope of the speedy evangelisation of the hinterland; but soon the opportunity afforded itself of joining with the Government in the founding of the Central School, which continued in

existence for many years until it finally merged into the present Queen's College.

Another institution of modern Hongkong, the Union Church, Kennedy Road owes its inception to Dr. Legge. Indeed, the beginning was in a very humble way, and arose out of the doctor's wont of holding Sunday services in the drawing-room of his residence. So large did the congregation that flocked to hear his preaching become that in 1854 it became imperative that more spacious quarters should be sought, so a meeting-house was erected at the corner of Peel and St. James streets. This edifice continued to serve the religious needs of a considerable portion of the community until 1886 when it was demolished and the church moved to its present site.

Of course, the greatest accomplishment of Dr. Legge's sojourn was the translation of the "Chinese Classics." This monumental task of profound erudition was commenced early in his residence here, and was first completed in the year 1863, although it was not printed until five years later. Indeed, it was only through the generosity of Mr. Joseph Jardine of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. who kindly consented to defray the costs of publication that it became possible for the seven volumes of the work to be given to the world at all. The admirable translation received the accolade of savants everywhere, and Dr. Legge's reputation as a Sinologist was firmly established. Indeed, so secure were his laurels that upon the eve of his impending departure from the Colony in 1876, his admirers amongst the merchant community contributed to the founding of a Chair of Chinese Language and Literature at Oxford University with the express proviso that he should be the first occupant. This professorship was filled by him until his death at Oxford on November 27, 1897.

In conclusion, one might say that few men have been firmer believers in the greatness of our Colony and in his words uttered shortly before he left our shores ring a prophetic note for the future. I see a railway from Kowloon to Canton, I see a trunk line from Hongkong to Canton, and branch lines connecting with it from the great provinces of the west, and from Chekiang and Fukien on the east. I see the island the natural outlet to all Europe, and by the Pacific lines to the United States, for the mineral wealth and various produce of one half the great Chinese nation. I see itself the home of a happy population, three times more numerous than the present, and foreigners and Chinese dwelling together in mutual appreciation.



Dr. James Legge.

Huge British Investment In Foreign Field

Illuminating Analysis By Sir Robert Kindersley

London, Dec. 7. Sir Robert Kindersley contributes to the current issue of the *Economic Journal* his customary annual survey of British overseas investments. He estimates the total of United Kingdom investments abroad at end of 1936 at £3,764,000,000 against £3,788,000,000 the year before. He puts income from these investments in 1936 at £184,000,000.

Of the £3,240,000,000 nominal British capital invested overseas at the end of 1936 compared with £3,191,000,000 in 1935, £1,000,000,000 to British countries and £1,250,000,000 to foreign countries. The estimated amounts for the dominions are Australia £505,000,000, India and Ceylon £443,000,000, Canada and Newfoundland £443,000,000 and New Zealand £146,000,000. The sum of £230,000,000 is estimated to be invested in Europe, £372,000,000 in Argentina, £160,000,000 in Brazil, £50,000,000 in Chile and £85,000,000 in other South American countries.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA LOAN
It is stated that arrangements are in progress for a Southern Rhodesia 3½ per cent. loan amounting to £2,250,000, to be issued at 101 and redeemable in 1961.—*British Wireless.*

BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL POSITION
London, Dec. 7. The Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £495,947,000 compared with £418,475,808 at the corresponding date last year.—The total expenditure—less self-balancing items is £592,927,346 compared with £544,037,258 at the corresponding date of 1936. The total floating debt outstanding is at £971,595,000 compared with £1,151,000,000 a year ago and represents a net increase of £273,405,000 since March 31.—*British Wireless.*

NEW BILL AIMED AT WAR CURE

Simple Definition Of Aggression

Washington, Dec. 7. Representative John M. O'Connell of Montana introduced to the House a joint resolution to amend the Neutrality Act, which in the first place will permit the President to define an aggressor and place an embargo on all shipments of any materials, take steps necessary to protect American lives and to shorten a war.

It is suggested in the second place that embargoes on arms, munitions and implements of war should be automatic after the proclaiming of the aggressor, with a penalty for breaking the law of five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. Thirdly under the amended act it will not be legal to sell bonds or securities to aggressors. It will prohibit Americans from travelling on the vessels of warring nations, and finally will ban goods under embargo being carried by American vessels.

The Bill defines an aggressor as a nation which declares war, invades territory or bombards territory, and defines a civil aggressor as one attempting to overthrow a democratic Government by forceful measures.—*United Press.*

WINDSOR CASTLE TO BE MADE BOMB-PROOF

London, Dec. 7. It is learned that designs have been completed for gas-proof and bomb-proof rooms in Windsor Castle, of a much more substantial type than those with which Buckingham Palace is already equipped.—*United Press.*

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 Beethoven's Sonata in F Minor, Op. 57 ('Appassionata'). Played by Frederic Lamond (Piano).

12.40 Barnabas Von Geczy and His Orchestra.
Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Rixner); Fresh Breezes (Borchert); In Merry Mood (Haringer); Monika—Tango (Kolscher).

1.00 Time and Weather.
1.03 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

I Want Anything But Sentimental (Film 'Take My Tip'); The Charm School—Selection; To Beat The Band—Selection; You Never Looked So Beautiful; You (Film 'The Great Ziegfeld')... Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends; Bubbling Over; Moonbeams Dance (Carroll Gibbons)... Carroll Gibbons (Piano); According To The Moonlight; It's An Old Southern Custom (Yellen and Meyer)... Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety.

Orchestral—Whispers At The Dance (from Meyer-Helmund's Lied); Maria Mari (di Capua)... Serge Krish Septet; Vocal—No Regrets (Tobias, Ingraham) You're Not The Kind (Hudson, Mills)... Frances Faye; Clarinet—Memphis Blues (Handy) Somebody's Wrong (Ursell)... Ern Pittiffer; Vocal and Piano—My Piano And Me... Turner Layton; Saxophone—I Have Lost My Heart In Budapest (Mihaly, Belner) My Kingdom For A Kiss (Warren, Dublin)... Raymond Baird; Organ—Film Hits—Society Torch.

2.15 Close Down.

4.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 New Light Symphony Orchestra and Keith Falkner (Marionette).

Monastery Bells (Wely); The Mill In The Forest (Eisenberg); Barcarolle (Tall, Of Hoffmann—Offenbach); Cavalier (Rusconi)—Intermezzo (Mascagni)... Orchestra. Had A Horse; Shepherd, See Thy Horse's Foaming Mane ('Hungarian Folk Songs—Korby'); A Song Doesn't Care (Film 'Mayfair Melody')... Keith Falkner (Baritone); Solemn Prayer (Walton); Cavalier (Ruff)... Orchestra.

7.30 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market.

7.35 Variety.

Organ—Famous Tauber Melodies... Harold Ramsay; Vocal—A Little Dash Of Dublin (Film 'Peg Of Old Ireland'); Kiss Me Goodnight (Green); ...Ann Neagle (Soprano); Banjo—Melodies of Yesterday; On A Southern Plantation... Ken Harvey with Piano accompaniment; Orchestral—Raisin' The Rent; Happy As The Day Is Long (from 'The Cotton Club Review')... Paul Whiteman presents Roy Burgoyne and Ramona (Piano).

8.00 Local Time—Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Trio: Frue Lewis (Violin), Elore Pellegatti (Cello) and Lindsay Lafford (Piano).

Trio No. 1 in G Major (Haydn); Andante; Poco Adagio; Rondo All Omgarese; 2. Andante from Trio No. 1 (Mozart); 3. Allegro from Trio in F Major (Lafford).

8.38 Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

Edward (Corder and Loewe); The Midnight Review (Klinka); Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep (Willard and Knight).

8.45 London Relay—World Affairs.

A talk by The Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., 9.00 Studio—Series of talks 'Amateur Experts' by R. E. Lindell on 'Bridge'.

9.10 Variety.

Organ—Curly Top—Film Selection; Broadway Melody of 1936—Film Selection... Reginald Dixon; Vocal—I'm A Fool For Loving You (Ward, Lewis); Lost My Rhythm, Lost My Music, Lost My Man (Film 'Soft lights and sweet music'... Dinah Miller (The Personality Girl); Banjo—A Musical Journey From New York To California; The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise (Seitz)... Ken Harvey.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

H.M.S. Pininfare—Selection... The B. B. C. Theatre Orchestra; The Mikado; The Criminal Mind... Davies, H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield and Chorus; Song How The Fates... D. Finckel, B. Lewis, A. Davies, H. A. Lytton and L. Sheffield; The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring... D. Oldham, H. A. Lytton; Alone, And Yet Alive... Bertha Lewis (Contralto); On A Tree... Henry A. Lytton (Baritone); There In Beauty... B. Lewis and H. A. Lytton; For He's Gone And Married Yum-Yum... (Continued on Page 4.)



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POOR SAND SUPPLIED TO MILITARY

Contractor's Agent Severely Treated

That considerable trouble had been caused to the military authorities in an important project at Lyemun Barracks as a result of the poor quality of sand supplied, was revealed during the hearing of a summons before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The summons were against Ho Luen, master of junk T242011, for removing sand from Cha Kwo Ling, Kowloon, on November 17 without a permit from the P.W.D. He was fined \$300, with the alternative of four months' hard labour, after the prosecution had stressed that both the Government and the military authorities took a serious view of the matter.

Mr. J. D. Bickelstaff, Land Bailiff, said defendant had a general permit for removing sand from authorised beaches, which did not include Cha Kwo Ling. On November 17, he went to the place in question and saw defendant's junk being loaded with sand removed from a point about 200 feet inland. The sand was of a poor quality and considerable trouble had been caused to the Government as a result of this "rubbish" being delivered to them. The Government had a contract for supplying sand with the Lee Yick contractors, who in turn engaged a number of junks, among which was defendant's. Mr. D. S. Fraser, Sand Inspector, stated that when the permit was issued to defendant a list of author-

U. S. Building Big Fleet Of Merchantmen

Washington, Dec. 7.

It is authoritatively learned that the Maritime Commission is ready to start within a fortnight a multi-million dollar programme to rehabilitate the merchant marine.

An official said that bids would be asked for \$20,000,000 worth of construction, including at least ten 9,000-ton cargo boats costing about \$1,750,000 each.—*Reuter.*

orised benches was given to him. This list did not include Cha Kwo Ling, and defendant had no right to remove sand from there. As a result of the poor quality of sand delivered by defendant, a lot of trouble had been caused to the military authorities in an important project.

Defendant said he paid \$1 for each junk load of sand to a man named Chiu, who told him he would take full responsibility for any trouble. He admitted he was aware he had no right to remove sand from the place.

Mr. Fraser pointed out that there was no reason why defendant should pay for the sand and the property belonged to the Government. He added that both the Government and the military authorities took a serious view of the matter, as the sand was used for the building of magazines.

BARCELONA ATTACKED BY PLANES

50 Believed Dead In Bombing

Barcelona, Dec. 7. Planes raided Barcelona and its environs this afternoon but no bombs were dropped in the centre of the town. However it was reported that some fell in the suburbs. The death toll so far is estimated at 50 and the search for victims is proceeding.

Mr. Clement Aliche, British Labour Opposition leader and Member of Parliament, were present in Barcelona at the time of the raid, having arrived by special plane from Madrid shortly before.—*Reuter.*

ATLEE MISSES RAID
Barcelona, Dec. 7. It now transpires that Mr. Clement Aliche and his colleagues arrived 40 minutes after the all-clear had been sounded following to-day's air raid on the city suburbs.—*Reuter.*

200 DEAD ESTIMATED
Barcelona, Dec. 8. It is now estimated that over 200 were killed in yesterday's air raid, which was directed against the suburbs of the city.—*Reuter.*

NEW BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE APPOINTED
London, Dec. 7. The King has approved the appointment of Captain C. S. Holland as naval attache to His Majesty's missions in France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands, with headquarters at Paris to date from January 17 next.—*British Wireless.*

DARK BLUES TRIUMPH IN ANNUAL CLASSIC

FIRST RUGGER SUCCESS OVER CAMBRIDGE SINCE 1934

London, Dec. 7.
Before an attendance of 40,000, which included His Majesty the King, Oxford revealed surprising form to defeat Cambridge by 17 points to four in the annual Inter-University rugby encounter at Twickenham to-day. This was Oxford's first victory since 1934.

Although they appeared to be the lighter and smaller side, the Dark Blues confounded the critics by being superior in all departments of the game. The deadly tackling of the three-quarters and the magnificent work of the forwards in the loose kept Cambridge on the defensive. The Cambridge backs spoiled movements by hurried passing, and their attackers were completely throttled and not given space to operate. Many movements were broken up before they developed.

The Oxford players deserved their victory, which may partly be attributed to Brett, the Oxford captain whose last-minute shuffling of the Oxford defence transferred H. D. Frankel from full back to the three-quarter line, which previously was inclined to be weak in defence.

It was just possible to see across the foggy pitch when W. N. Henwick, the Oxford left wing three-quarter, opened the scoring in the sixth minute. He gathered an awkwardly bouncing ball and scored an unconverted try.

Cooke, the scrum half, scored another try one minute before the interval, and this time Brett converted.

At half time, Oxford led 8-0. Mayhew, an Oxford forward, following up a long punt, scored an unconverted try in the second minute after resumption, to increase the Dark Blues' lead to 11-0.

Cambridge retaliated and Bruce Lockhart, the stand-off half, dropped a goal in the 24th minute. Seven minutes later, Mayhew beat three men and registered another try, which was not converted. Cooke completed the scoring in the last minute with a try, but the kick for the extra points again failed.—Reuter.

DONOGHUE RIDES HIS LAST RACE

Famous Jockey Retires

Manchester, Nov. 28.

The world-famous cry "Come on Steve" will be no longer heard on the English turf, for with the closing of the 1937 season Steve Donoghue, Britain's "wizard of the turf," says good-bye as a jockey to become a trainer.

Donoghue, who is 53 years of age, finished third on Lord Derby's Highlander in his last race here yesterday. He was enthusiastically cheered.

The retiring jockey has won the Derby six times, and has ridden nearly 2,000 winners in his career.

Last month Donoghue was entertained at a farewell dinner by his brother jockeys who presented him with a silver trophy bearing the inscription: "To our friend Steve as a token of respect and admiration."

Donoghue's Derby winners were Pomern, Gay Crusader, Manna, Captain Cattle, Humourist and Papyrus.—Reuter.

PROMISING AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS

Hassett And Lee Do Well

Melbourne, Nov. 16.
A splendid innings of 127 not out by A. L. Hassett and a more restrained innings of 92 by I. Lee, the young left-hander, enabled Victoria to gain a comfortable victory by five wickets over New Zealand here to-day.

Hassett, a delightful free-scoring batsman, who finished second only to Bradman in the first-class averages last season, has quickly run into his best form.

In his first two innings in big cricket this season he has scored a total of 163 for once out. The selectors have already recognised his ability for he has been selected to play for Bradman's side against Richardson's team in the Testimonial match at Adelaide next week.

This match will be in the nature of a trial, and a good innings by Hassett should put him in the running for a place in the team for England. I. Lee, who has a solid defence and who did well against G. O. Allen's side, was well set when he had the misfortune to be run out. He did not give a chance during his innings, which included four boundaries.

Two young probabilities for the Australian team to tour England next summer, R. Gregory and E. Bromley, were in fine form during the game. Both are slow change bowlers and both took four wickets for 50 runs.



SPRINTING MARVEL—Stella Walsh, Polish-American sprinter, poses on the deck of the Polish liner Batory, as she arrived in New York. She recently hung up four new world records in Poland and Germany, breaking the 10-year record for the 50-meter dash, in 0.3 seconds, as well as the 80-meter, 100-yard dash and running broad jump marks.

LOUIS NOT RECOGNISED

BRITAIN'S RANKING Five Empire Vacancies



Joe Louis

London, (By Air Mail).
The British Boxing Board of Control refuses to recognise Joe Louis as world heavyweight boxing champion. It declares the title to be vacant.

The Board officially recognised the Tommy Farr-Max Schmeling contest arranged for London and which did not take place—as for the world title, and consequently did not recognise the subsequent Louis-Farr fight in America.

About the five vacant Empire titles, the Board has decided that, in the event of a contest being arranged between the reigning champion of Great Britain and a Dominions boxer approved by the Board, the fight would be recognised as for the Empire championship.

The Board has also decided about the four vacant European titles, that in the event of a contest being arranged between a British champion and official whether or not he is recognised by the International Boxing Association, the bout would be for a European championship.

The Board's ranking list is as follows:

WORLD
Flyweight: Benny Lynch (Scotland).
Bantamweight: Harry Jeffra (America).
Featherweight: Pete Carron (America).
Welterweight: Barney Ross (America).
Middleweight: Fred Apostoli (America).
Light-heavyweight: John Henry Lewis (America).
Heavyweight: Vacant.

[Obviously Sarron is no longer featherweight champion. He was stopped in six rounds eight days after the list was published in England. Apostoli is not regarded as middleweight champion. The B.B.B.C. grade him as such because of his t.k.o. of Marcel Thil at New York in September. Although Thil had been regarded as champion in France and Britain, his long abstention from fighting had induced the necessity for finding a successor. Ben Jeby, Vince Dundee and Teddy Yarosz in turn held the title without a challenge from Thil; while Freddie Steele, who beat Ilisko last year, is now champion. When Mike Jacobs promoted his "Carnival of Champions" in September, in which Thil was booked to meet Apostoli, the major commission in America would not allow the match to be designated a championship.]

BRITISH EMPIRE
Flyweight: Vacant. Bantamweight: Vacant. Featherweight: McGrory. Lightweight: Laurie Steele.

of about 12.12, but every ounce will be well applied. At trials the crew went easily and showed splendid watermanship, the boat running as steadily as a rock.

TENNIS

COMFORTABLE WIN IN MIXED DOUBLES

GUEST AND PARTNER ENTER 2ND ROUND

(By "Abe")

A. E. P. Guest and Miss Madge Griffiths entered the second round of the Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship of the Colony yesterday when they accounted for A. V. Remedios and Mrs. D. W. Wagstaff in straight sets at the Club de Recreo.

WORLD'S CHESS TITLE

Alekhine Beats Champion

The Hague, Dec. 7.
Dr. Alekhine regained the world's chess championship to-day by beating Dr. Max Euwe, the Dutch holder of the title, in the forty-third move of their 25th game of the series. The final score is Dr. Alekhine 15½; Dr. Euwe 9½.—Reuter.

MONTAGUE AFTER BRITISH TITLE

New York, Nov. 15.

John Montague, the "shovel and rake" golfer, will play in the British Open Championship next year. This will be the first tournament in which Montague, most discussed golfer in the world, has ever appeared.

He revealed this to the News Chronicle yesterday a few minutes before going out at Fresh Meadows Country Club, Long Island, to play in the first four-ball charity exhibition game with Babe Ruth, former baseball star, Babe Didrikson and Sylvia Annenburg.

"The best score I ever shot," he said, "was a 58 at Palm Springs. The par score for this course, which is of average length, is 68. During the past two years my average has stood at 68."

"And what do you think of your

Guest and Miss Griffiths were not extended at all and won comfortably by 6-0, 6-4. Whatever good tennis there was in the match was provided in the second set when Remedios and Mrs. Wagstaff settled down; nevertheless the issue was never in doubt because Guest and Miss Griffiths were obviously the better pair.

Mrs. Wagstaff gave her partner very poor support. She was unable to do justice to herself, being far too nervous, and her play was well below the standard of the other three.

In the second set, when Remedios was prominent with some short angled volleys, many interesting rallies were seen; but the burden was too much for this player who, in trying to "kill" his opponents' returns, was often passed down the side-lines. However, when he had found his length, he frequently had Miss Griffiths in difficulties at the base line with his drives.

WINNERS NOT EXTENDED

Because of the weak opposition, the winners were not seen at their best; they played just well enough to get through comfortably, although in the second set they had some anxious moments when Remedios and Mrs. Wagstaff led 2-1, 3-2 and 4-3. After levelling up, they broke through Mrs. Wagstaff's service to lead 5-4 and Miss Griffiths clinched her own service for the match.

Both Guest and Miss Griffiths were steady throughout, the former often passing Remedios with forehand drives down the "tram lines." Miss Griffiths was playing from the rear court for the majority of the two sets, and featured her display with some splendid recoveries.

Guest and Miss Griffiths will now meet J. M. Tomlinson and Miss A. Taylor in the second round.

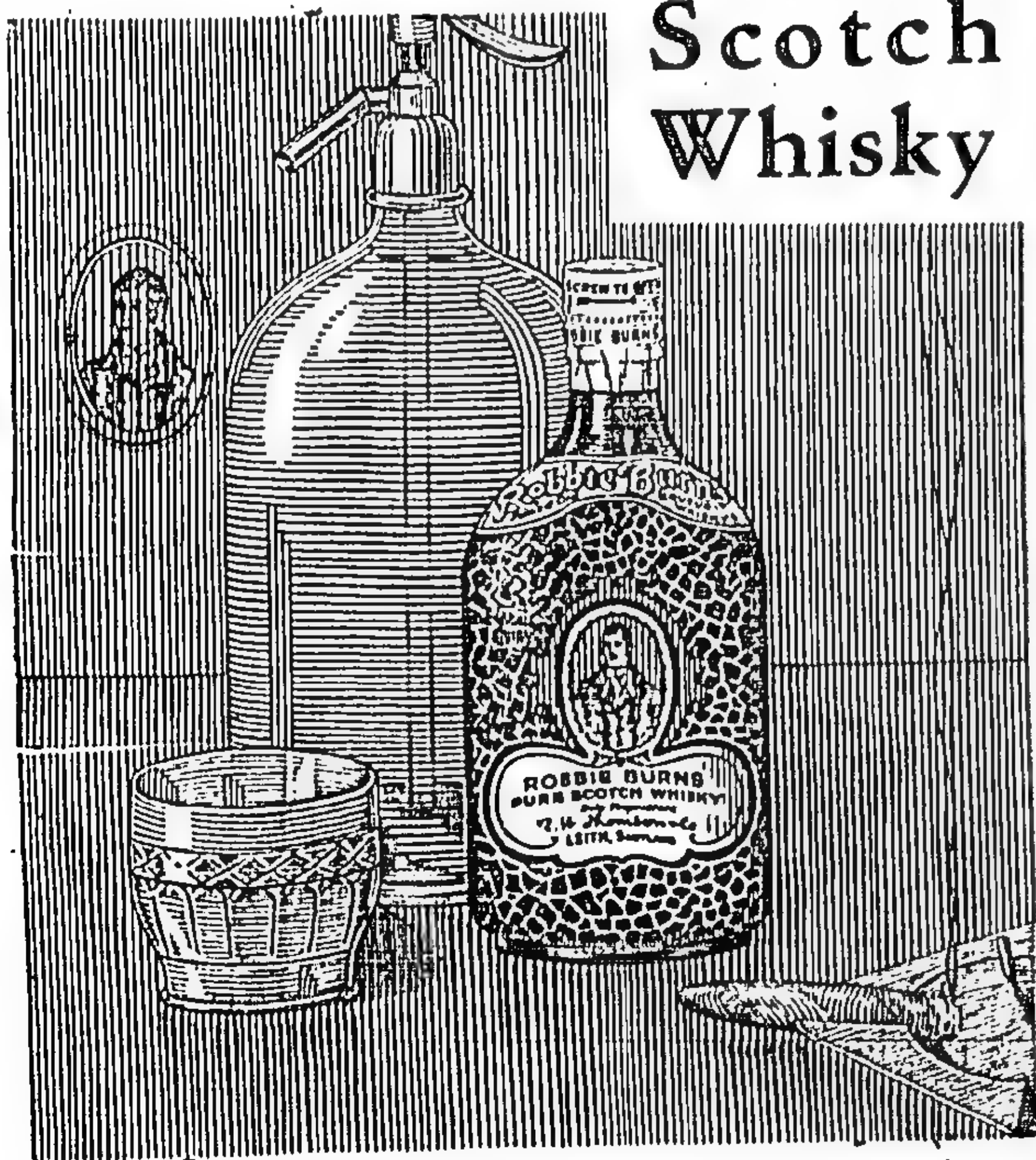
chances over here?" he was asked. "Mr. Montague became modest. 'Ask my manager,' he replied. Manager Marty Forkins hurried to the phone.

"Well," he said, "in my opinion Mr. Montague is one of the world's greatest golfers, and I figure he stands a good chance of winning your championship."

"There'll be nothing freakish about my play," said Mr. Montague.

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EIGHT FOR EMPIRE England's Best Oarsmen

London, Nov. 16.
The English eight to compete at the Empire Games in Sydney in February was announced officially to-day.

The selected men are: J. F. Burroughs (bow), R. C. Harman, D. G. Kingsford, J. Turnbull, P. H. Jackson, (captain), J. N. Sturrock, R. Hambridge, B. S. Beazley (stroke), T. Reeve (cox). Reserves: J. Offer, R. Offer.

The eight is regarded as the strongest England could get together. The Times rowing writer says it is probably the best crew since the London Rowing Club's champion eight of 1930. The fact that it is a composite and really representative crew is the most satisfactory feature because in the past the Rowing Association has selected club crews en bloc.

It is claimed by some critics that it is not really representative because none of the best university oarsmen is included. The boat race made it impossible to invite university men, but in any case it is uncertain whether they would have been good enough for inclusion in the crew which has the heavy average weight

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Corinthians Play In India Still Unbeaten During Tour

A crowd of 50,000, probably the biggest ever to witness an amateur match, watched the Islington Corinthians play a goalless draw against the Mohammedan Sporting Club at Calcutta on November 13.

This was the Corinthians first game in India. The match was played at a fast pace.

The home club are the champions of Calcutta. Two months ago they lost the final of the Rovers Cup Competition to a team whose members all played without boots.

Last year the Mohammedan Sporting Club won the League Championship and the Indian Football Association Shield, a feat accomplished for the first time in the history of Indian football.

Playing their second match in Calcutta, the Corinthians beat the All Blues (Jamahepur) 5-2, after leading 2-1 at half-time. R. T. Tarrant (2), J. C. Braithwaite, D. Bradbury and H. C. Read scored for the Corinthians.

UNBEATEN RECORD

The Corinthians, who are touring the world, completed the European portion of their romantic journey with an unbeaten record.

All three matches in Holland were played by floodlight. Corinthians drew 0-0 with The Hague, beat Haarlem 2-0 and drew 1-1 with D. W. V. Amsterdam.

In Switzerland, they beat Winterthur 3-0 and Berne 4-1. At Haarlem the party met Fred Pugham, the old Arsenal centre-forward, who is now trainer-coach to the local club. He said Islington would win far more matches than they lost.

"We have played some really good football and the hospitality we received in Switzerland was wonderful. Everyone is happy, with Johnnie Sherwood and Dusty Miller the live wires."

The following are the results of the matches played by Islington since they left London and before arrival in India.

Blan Wit (The Hague)	4-3
Haarlem Club (Haarlem)	2-0
V.U.C. (Amsterdam)	0-0
D.W.V. (Amsterdam)	1-1
Winterthur (Zurich)	3-0
Berne XI (Berne)	4-1
Alexandria XI (Alexandria)	2-1

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Civil Service Cricket Club will be holding their fortnightly tennis tournament on Sunday, December 12, commencing at 2.30 p.m.



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ARSENAL'S NEED OF AN INSIDE PLAYER Wednesday's £10,000 Forward

By ARBITER (FRANK M. CARRUTHERS)

In throwing their cast in the ill-stocked waters of football for an inside forward it was inevitable that the Arsenal should be attracted by Robinson, the Sheffield Wednesday player. I believe, in fact, that there has lately been a definite inquiry in regard to his transfer.

It is not without significance, too, that Mr. W. H. Walker, the Wednesday manager, came to London last Saturday to watch the Arsenal's match with Middlesbrough. At once is suggested an arrangement whereby the clubs might agree to an exchange of players.

Still in his teens, it is impossible to be sure how Robinson's career may be shaped. He is one of two or three young players of whom it might be said that they ought to develop into first-class players. There are, however, so many uncertain factors to be taken into account that the cautious manager would not go beyond this.

But I know that the Wednesday value Robinson most highly. If they have put a price on him I do not think it is likely to be much less than £10,000. Then if they were to let him go I think it would be only to assist in a general team rebuilding plan.

200 PER CENT. INCREASE

When the Arsenal paid £2,750 for the 17-year-old Hastin it was thought to be a reckless gamble. That was seven years ago, and now a player of no greater promise and little more experience is judged to be worth three times as much. It is striking evidence of the rise in transfer prices.

I believe the highest bid that has yet been made for a player is £12,000. This was for Glover, the Grimsby centre forward, and if Grimsby had been prepared to negotiate I think it might have been raised. The manager of a First Division club has told me that he would top this sum to secure Black, the young inside left of the Hearts.

"With ordinary luck I should get 12 years' service from him and even at £13,000 I think he would be the best transfer proposition at the moment."

£60 A MATCH

The age of the player is a vastly important point in every transfer. A few days ago £7,000 was asked for one approaching thirty. It could scarcely be expected to remain of first-class rank for more than three years, and if £1,000 were added to the fee his wages during the period his cost would be over £60 a match, presuming that he played in forty each season.

One of the reasons put forward by the Players' Union in support of the demand for higher wages is that the career of the footballer has been shortened by the greater speed of the modern game. It is not with the intention of supplying "rotting" evidence that I point out that Marshall, the Manchester City player, is now taking part in his seventeenth season. I am all in favour of the men getting more money if the clubs can afford to meet a higher wage bill.

Marshall, too, is a rare exception in the way in which he has definitely resisted the footballer's arch enemy, age.

I know of no better joke than that of a Second Division club who three years ago obligingly offered to take Marshall off Manchester City's books. About the same time another club less sure that his career was at an end offered a transfer fee of £1,500.

To-day he remains the centre half, and by none is his play valued more highly than by his colleagues.

MANAGER'S RECORD

Manchester City to-day, as the champions, meet Sunderland, the Cup holders, in the annual match for the Football Association Charity Shield, and it is a fitting occasion to record of Mr. Wilfred Wild since he became manager of the team six years ago.

When the late Peter Hodge decided to go back to Leicester City from Manchester and there were all sorts of rumours as to his successor he told me, "I have advised the directors that they cannot hope to do better than appoint my assistant, Wilfred Wild. Given a chance, he will take a leading place in the game."

The prophecy has been abundantly fulfilled. Under Mr. Wild's leadership the City have been twice in the

Cup Final and have also won the championship.

It is said of Mr. Wild that he is a "born organiser." If he were not so say and retiring, it would be realised that he was an official of many more attainments.

BIG SCORE DRAWS

When I asked, in referring to the Bolton Wanderers-Chelsea match, if there had previously been a 5-0 draw, I expected to be told of other.

Many correspondents have reminded me of a game between Sheffield Wednesday and Everton about 25 years ago, when the latter led 5-1 at half-time and the Wednesday drew level in the second half.

Again, in season 1930-31 at Upton Park, West Ham and Aston Villa drew 5-5.

I have myself found another—in 1930. This was the match between Leicester City and the Arsenal on the Saturday previous to the Cup Final in which the London club defeated Huddersfield.

LADIES' GOLF

1938 CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries are invited for the 1938 Golf Championship of the Ladies' Section, Royal Hongkong Golf Club. Competitors, of handicap of 24 or under, must be resident associates of the R.H.K.G.C. The competition will be of 18 holes match play over the Old Course, Fanning. The winner holds, for a year, a Cup presented by the late Mr. Bulmer Johnson. The cup becomes the property of any player who wins three years in succession or four times in all.

The final round of the competition is played with a referee. Entries will close on January 4.

MEDAL COMPETITIONS

The November Medal competitions of the Ladies' Section resulted as follows:

November 3
L. G. U. Medal (Silver)—Mrs. Shawan (90-13=77); Mrs. Garner (93-13=80).

L. G. U. Medal (Bronze)—Mrs. Challinor (101-31=70); Mrs. Singer (98-27=71).

November 23
L. G. U. Medal (Silver)—Miss Goodrich (94-13=81); Mrs. Forbes Prize.

L. G. U. Medal (Bronze)—Mrs. Swinburne (98-28=68), Section Prize.

Captain's Cup
Old Course—Mrs. Whyte Smith (95-10=79).

New Course—Mrs. Lindsell (95-27=68); Mrs. Smalley (90-19=71).
Bogey Pool, Old Course—Mrs. Redmond, one down; Mrs. McGowan, two down.

BUDGE DEFEATS CRAWFORD

Victorian Tennis Championships

Melbourne, Dec. 7.

In the Victorian tennis championships, Donald Budge, foremost amateur tennis player of the world, today defeated Jack Crawford by 7-5, 6-4, 3-6 and 8-6.

Gene Mako, the other American

HONGKONG RACING

Programme Arranged For Thirteenth Extra

The following programme has been arranged by the Hongkong Jockey Club for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting which will be held on Saturday, December 18:

Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champions.—For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of this Club since 1st January, 1937, two of such meetings previous to 1st July, 1937, and two subsequent to that date. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1937 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries. One and a Quarter Miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

Laggard's Handicap.—For Australian Ponies of any Season that have started in at least one Extra Meeting of this Club during 1937. Winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, and ponies classified "C" Class, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

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Dilatory Handicap.—For China Ponies. "E" Class, and Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes. Ponies must have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Jockey Allowance. Six Furlongs.

Tardy Handicap.—For China Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Winners of \$1,500 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. One Mile.

Queensland Autumn Championship.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of any Season that have started in at least four Extra Meetings of this Club since 1st January, 1937, two of such meetings previous to 1st July, 1937, and two subsequent to that date. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1937 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries. One and a Quarter Miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

Last Chance Handicap.—For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least one Extra Meeting of this Club during 1937. Winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

Final Handicap.—For China Ponies, "D" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season and ponies that have won more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

Daily Double Event.—Fifth and Seventh Races.
Entries close at noon on Thursday, December 9, 1937.

BADMINTON TEAM

The following will represent St. John's in the "B" Division of the Badminton League against the Club de Recreio this evening at 8.30 p.m.: F. H. Kwok and A. J. Bennett; G. A. Smith and A. Keown; P. B. Wilson and N. L. Smith.

taking part in the championships, was eliminated by Jack Brown, the young Australian. David Cupper, who won in straight sets by 6-2, 6-2.—United Press.

CRICKET

SUTCLIFFE ON DON BRADMAN

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London, Oct. 30.

"Don Bradman is unquestionably the finest batsman in the world today—if the wicket is good."

So declared Herbert Sutcliffe, the famous England and Yorkshire opening batsman, in a speech at the Oxford Luncheon Club yesterday.

"I have seen him play on five or six wickets which were inclined to be difficult," he added, "and I have not seen him make a decent score."

Sutcliffe said the new l.b.w. rule was an additional trial for opening batsmen.

"It is a menace to me," he said. "The most devastating ball so far as first-wicket batsmen are concerned is a vicious inswinger. When you see Sutcliffe l.b.w. (n) next year, you will know I have received one of those swingers."

He prophesied a brilliant future for Hutton, the promising young player who has joined him as opening batsman for Yorkshire.

"Just as I am on the wane, getting to the mere and yellow," he began, and then, in reply to cries of dissent all round the room, he added, "but the selectors thought so last year, when they would not have me for the team down under."

R. E. S. WYATT AND SURREY

Emphatic denials of rumours that R. E. S. Wyatt, the former Warwickshire captain, would play for Surrey next season were made yesterday by Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower and Mr. A. F. Davey, the president and secretary of Surrey, respectively.

Mr. Leveson-Gower said: "I wish to deny, officially, these rumours concerning Mr. Wyatt and Surrey. There is absolutely no truth in the suggestion that he has approached us, or been approached by us, regarding the Surrey captaincy."

"I know nothing of these rumours that he will play for us, let alone captain the side next season. Mr. E. R. T. Holmes is still our captain and I can assure you that no move whatever has been made in connection with the captaincy."

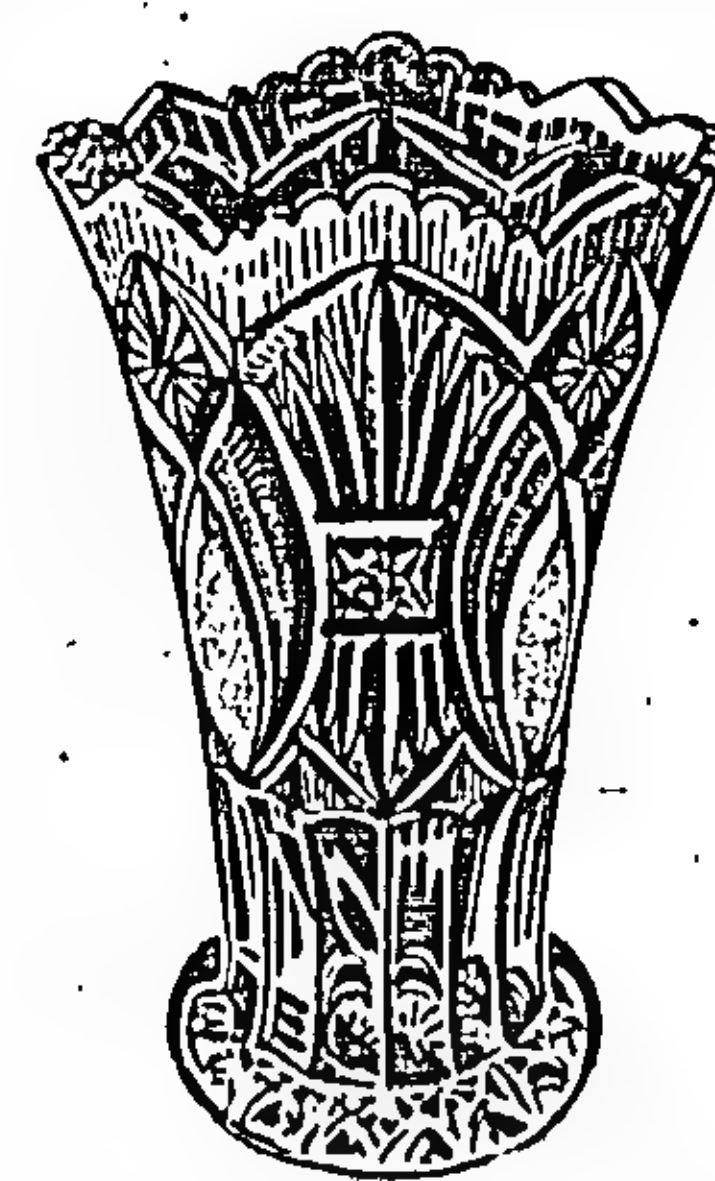
Mr. Davey said: "The suggestion is entirely new to me. There has been no committee meeting of the Surrey club since Sept. 9, and there is not another until Nov. 18. The committee have never had any suggestion put before them at all, and have not yet even considered the question of captaincy for next season. That is decided always, as a matter of routine, at our November meeting."

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th December, 1937, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.
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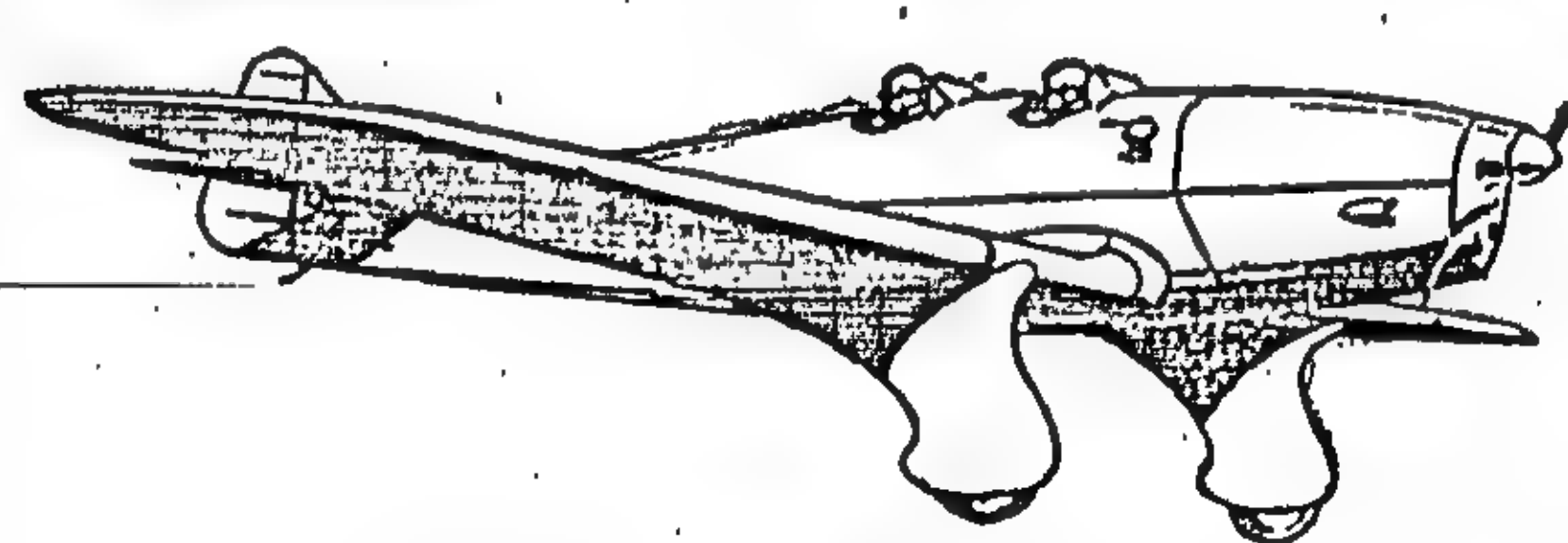
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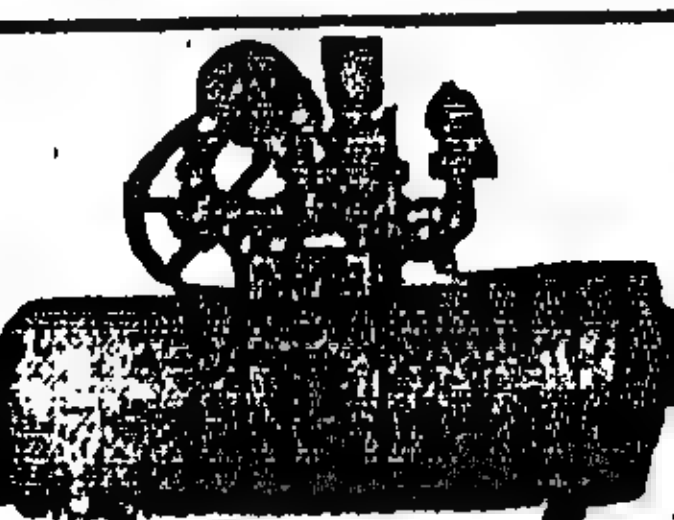


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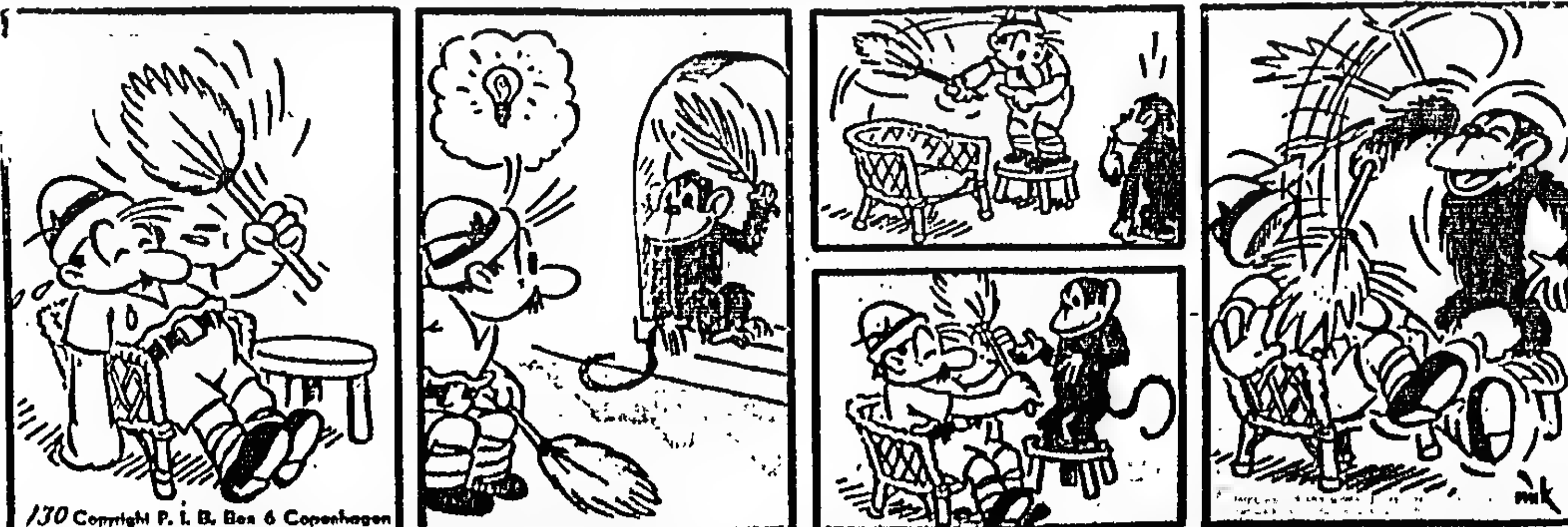


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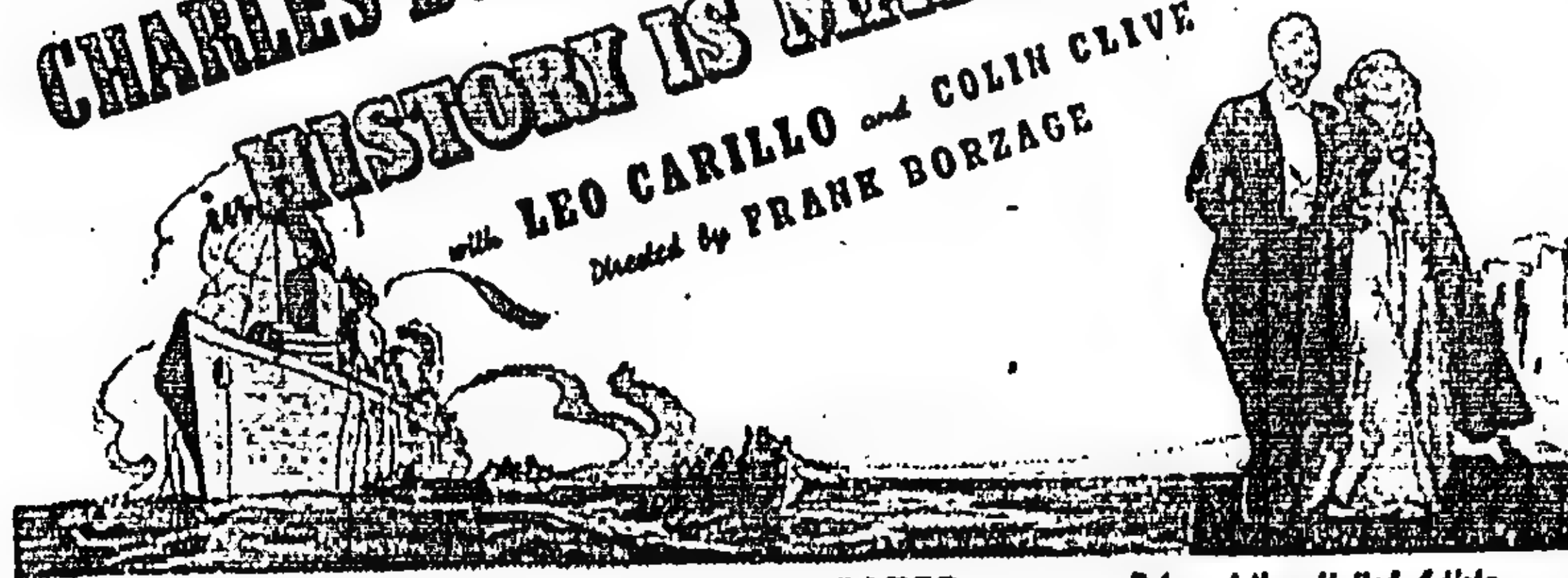
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SILVER FAILS TO RECOVER

Late Rush To Sell
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London, Dec. 7.
Surprise was expressed on all sides this afternoon when the price of silver showed a small rise against the farthing to three-farthings jump which the market expected earlier in the day.

It is understood the price would have risen sharply but for a late rush of Indian selling. Moreover certain technical factors connected with selling orders militated to the contrary. After fixing the price, gossip in bullion circles turned to the amount of silver which was offered to and taken by the United States yesterday afternoon, estimates varying between 750,000 and 1,500,000 ounces. Almost immediately after to-day's fixing India turned buyer, bidding up the price by an eighth, but sellers were holding off. It was believed that America also asked for offers to be made, but brokers have not been able to do business owing to the attitude of sellers, while arbitrageurs were also trying to buy in order to ship to New York.—Reuter.

SHARP FALL STILL POSSIBLE

London, Dec. 7.
Silver prices firmed and nearly resumed their normal levels were today in anticipation of President Roosevelt's proclamation.

However, it was emphasised, following yesterday's statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, that temporary aid may not prevent early and sharp declines unless the United States position is amplified.

There is some belief that the new Silver Act may provide for offers to be made below the level the United States is paying at present.

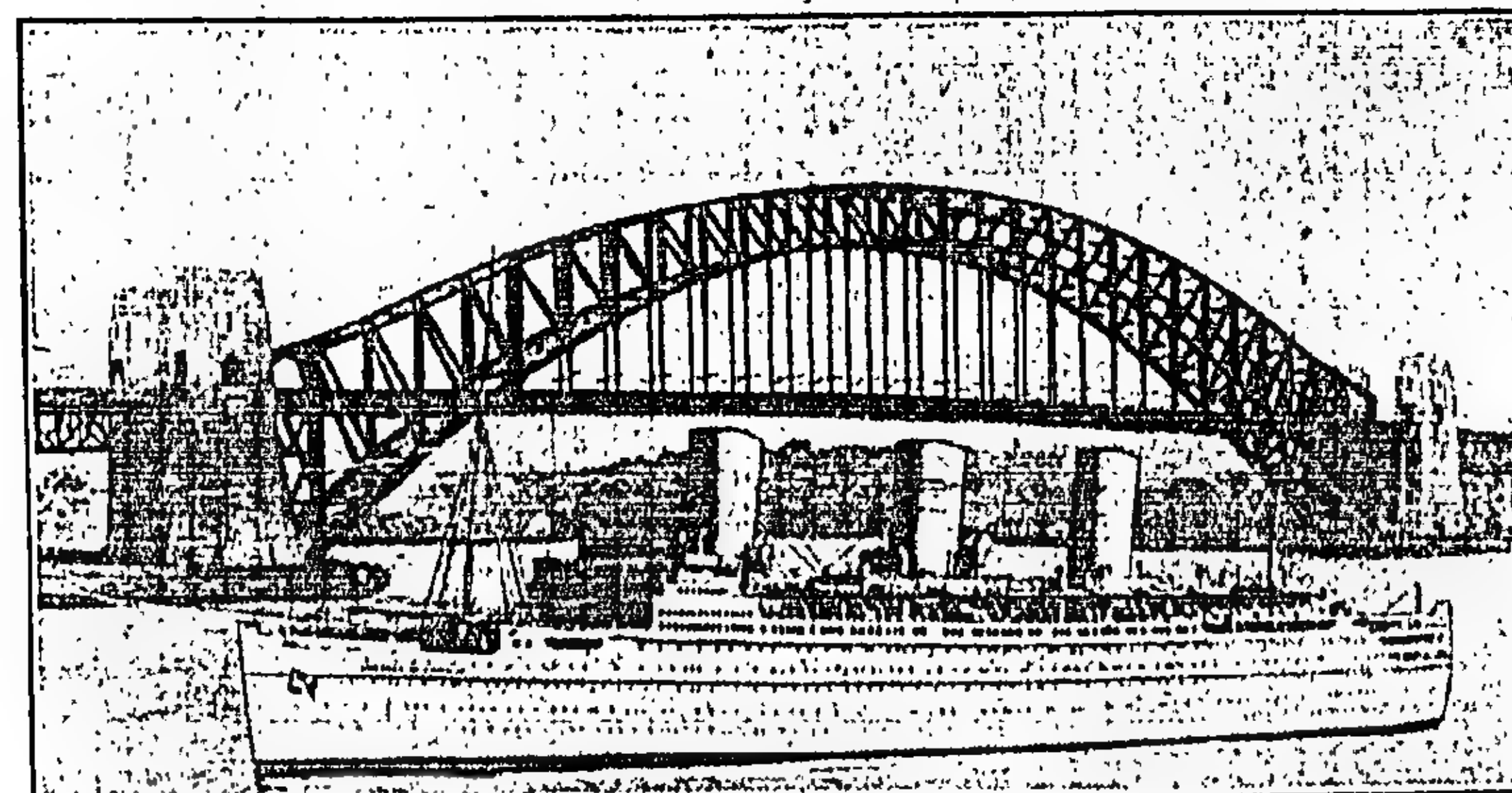
On the Bombay market the undertone was sturdier to-day. However, the market was still very uncertain. Prices reached 48.25 rupees per hundred tolas.—United Press.

U.S. SILVER POLICY

Washington, Dec. 7.
Replying to queries as to whether he planned to extend the silver programme in his proclamation, President Roosevelt to-day said that he did not intend to make any announcement concerning the domestic programme before the year end.

The President, who is looking

Editor's Vision To Be Realized on World Cruise



The above picture showing the Empress of Britain and Sydney's great harbour bridge represents the dream of an Australian editor, who in making the composite picture from separate photographs at the time the bridge was opened could not have known that the Empress would ever visit the port "down under". Captioned "Splendid Empire Achievements" the picture showed the greatest single-span bridge ever built within the Empire and the ocean liner which, launched a year previously was, at the time, the largest ship built in the Empire since the war.

Now comes the announcement that the Empress of Britain will visit Sydney during her 1937 Round-the-World Cruise, and with it the realisation that, when the ship is there next April, at least one editor's dream will have come true.

Not only Sydney will be visited while the big white liner is in the Antipodes; she will also take her cruise members to Melbourne and to the New Zealand ports of Wellington and Auckland. Her cruise starts from New York January 8 and will end there on May 16. Until heading for Australia she will follow the usual world cruise course—Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Naples, Athens, Palestine, Egypt, India, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Leaving New Zealand she will go to the Fiji Islands, also new territory for her World Cruise, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Panama Canal Zone.

Mellon's Name Cleared

Income Tax Return
Not Fraudulent

New York, Dec. 7.
A charge against the late Mr. Andrew Mellon, former U.S. Ambassador and financier, of avoiding payment of income tax, has been completely expunged by the action of the Government in over-ruling the major portion of the Federal Income Tax Board's claim of \$3,000,000 against the Mellon estate.

The decision states that the late Mr. Mellon had not filed a false or fraudulent return with the intention of evading taxes.—Reuter.

extremely well, commenting on the reported continuation of the business recession, said that such was only an assumption and that "it does not lie in my hands."—United Press.

ACCESSION TO BE MARKED

London, Dec. 7.
The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a statement that in view of a general desire to observe the day of His Majesty's accession and to use the forms of prayer and thanksgiving commonly called the Accession Service, it is important to note for the avoidance of misunderstanding that the official date of the accession is December 11 and not December 10.—Reuter.

Eagle's Brood To Exercise

H.M.S. Eagle left harbour this morning on exercises and her aircraft will be seen in day and night flying to-day and to-morrow. The aircraft carrier will do full calibre firing to-morrow east of Wexham. She is accompanied by H.M.S. Dartmouth.

Man Dead Of Poison Dose

But Wife Expected
To Recover

Receiving no response to their repeated knocks on the door of a room in the Hung On Boarding House, Des Voeux Road, early to-day, servants of the lodging house entered and found that its occupants, a man and his wife, were victims of some form of poisoning.

The man was dead but the woman was still alive. The police were sent for, and the woman was taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

A police report of the tragedy stated that the man's name was Lai Kee-hung, aged 28, that he had come from Canton, and had died as a result of a dose of poison. His wife, Chan Yuk-wan, was suffering from the effects of the same poison but her condition at present was not serious.



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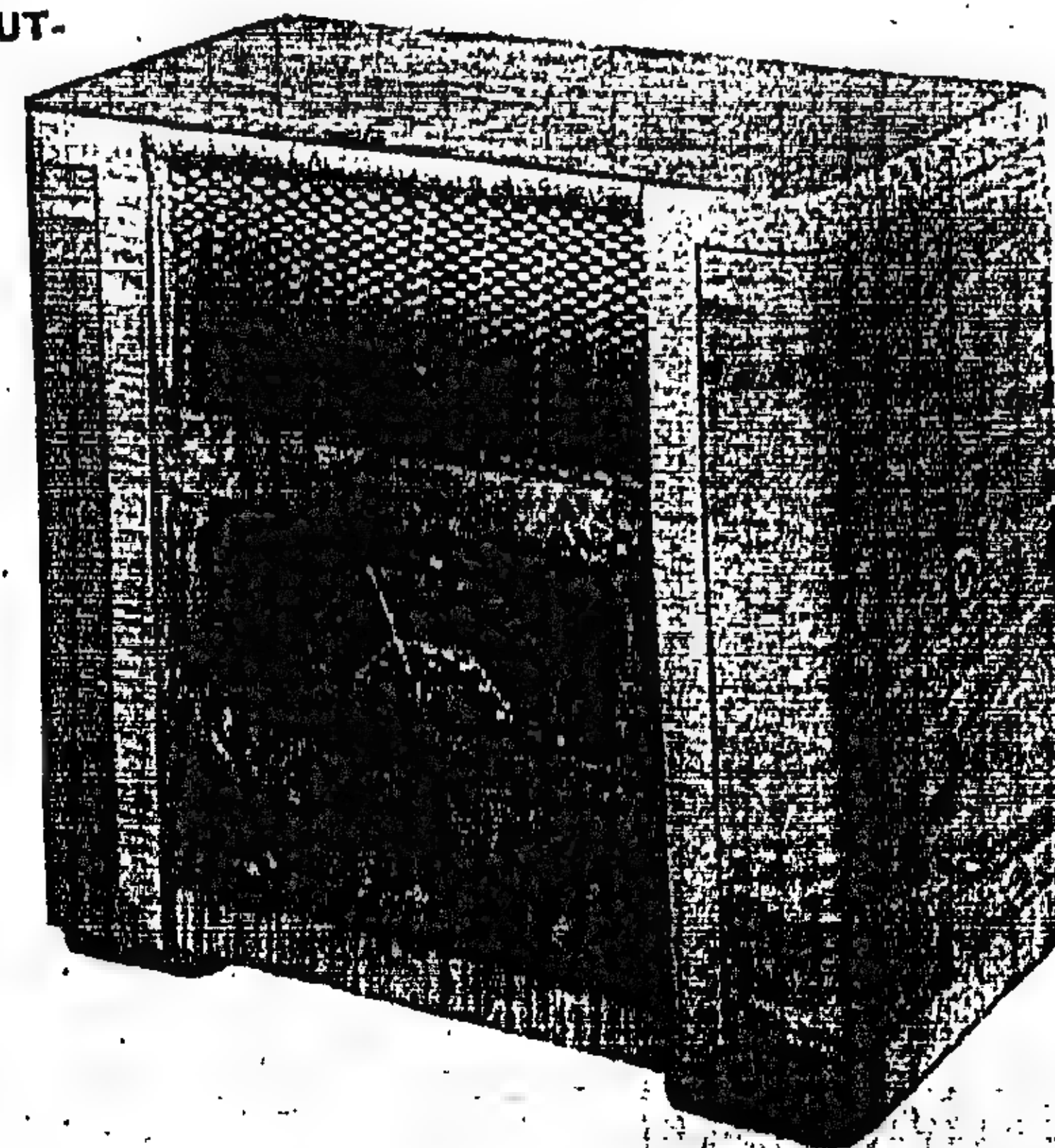
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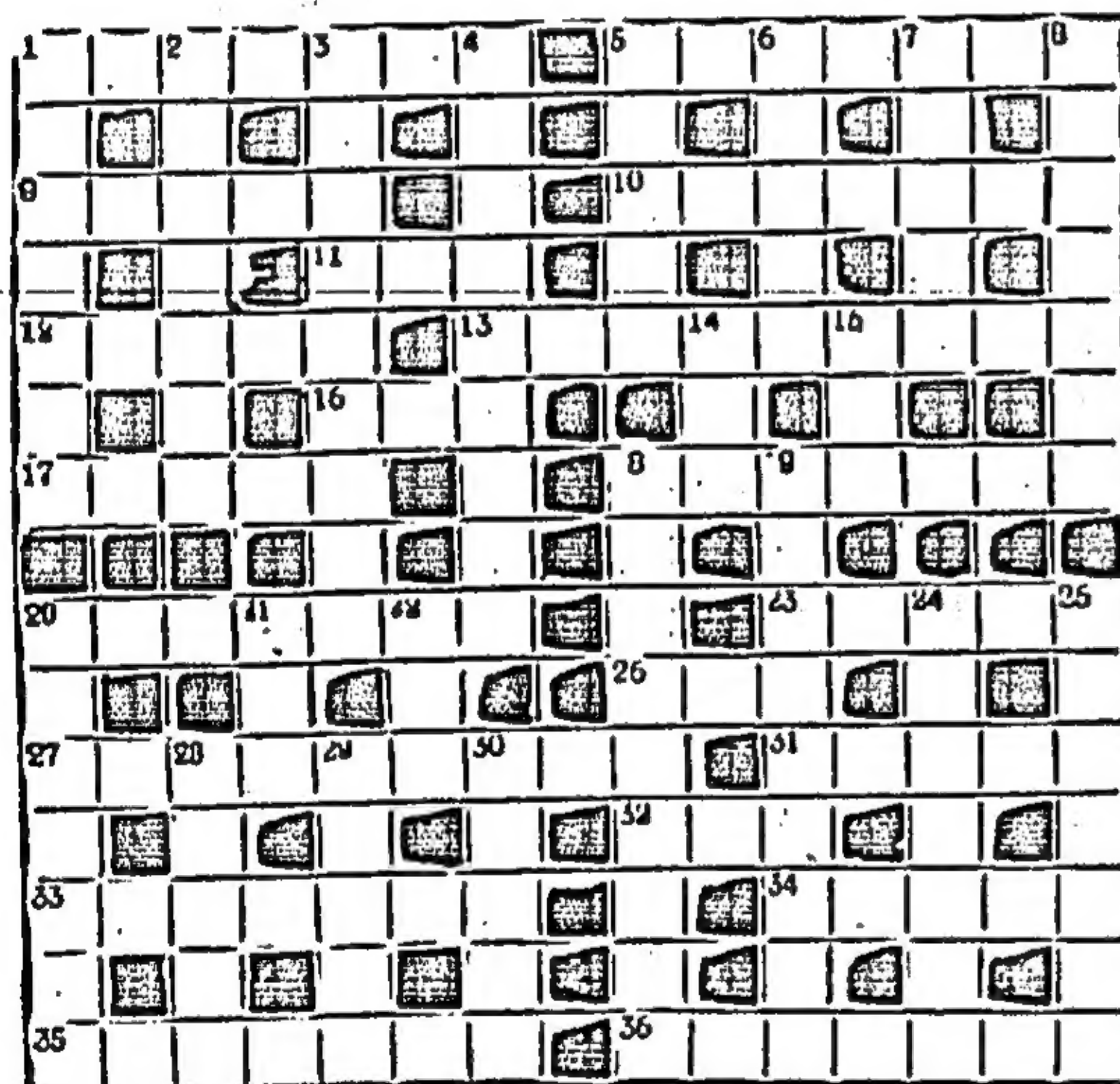
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- Oddly enough this ship's measurement is under water where there is no air (7).
- To agree completely (7).
- Town of India (5).
- This sportsman is usually silent except when he loses his head (7).
- This little river often turns a wheel (3).
- Vessel made of a reed with nothing in it (5).
- There is great depth in part of this part of Africa (9).
- There may be no knots in this piece of wood but they are found by it (3).
- Cleane (5).
- Material made from two animals (7).
- A light-giver (7).
- Fair though fabulous (5).
- One of the barrels (3).
- Useful effigy (9).
- A snail is obtained from these mountains (5).
- Bird (3).
- This little household utensil is always lost without its third letter (7).
- This is made from the end of 19 down (5).
- Bird of prey (7).
- In a train or below it (7).

DOWN

- Could this little bit of your car be worn by the house-maid? (7).
- This person comes from no realm (7).
- Serious meals are seldom thus depraved (9).
- She might become a tram agent (9).
- Is a person thus bad-tempered very trying? (5).

- What vehicles would look well when upset? (5).
- Compare (5).
- Part of a ship, not of an abnormal man (7).
- Coin current in Southern Europe (3).
- One thing is wanted about this for consideration (3).
- This remote land might be a feature of bowls (9).
- This man makes nice gales (9).
- Foreign soldier (7).
- This car is well known in India (3).
- This stands for the addition of the rest (3).
- No daring hero, he (7).
- He is always in a hurry to get ahead (7).
- Mountain of Greece (5).
- Losing one's head in fear is a mistake (5).
- These ties are valued by writers (5).

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Young Folks in a Hurry

EMPLOYERS are constantly confiding in me that they seem to be unable to obtain really competent office workers, and judging by some of the work which leaves their offices there can be little doubt that their complaints are fully justified.

For instance, the other day I received a circular, beautifully printed on imitation hand-made paper, a real triumph of the printer's art, but the whole effect was spoiled by the typed envelope in which it was enclosed. It looked as if the errand boy had been given the job of addressing the wrappers, so badly were they typed, punctuation marks in the wrong place, capitals where there should have been none and missing where they should have been typed.

Another sent me a duplicated circular letter so badly spaced and typed I could only suppose that someone unfamiliar with a typewriter and duplicator had run them off.

Poor Publicity

This sort of thing is bad for business, and I am somewhat surprised that any enterprising firm should waste paper and postage on such poor efforts in publicity.

Is it any matter for wonder then that so many people, and especially young people, have gained the idea

that typewriting is just a question of popping keys instead of being, as it is, an occupation requiring just as much skill as any other on which they might embark?

Within the last month no fewer than five lads and girls have been interviewed with reference to receiving training in shorthand, bookkeeping, and typewriting. Each of them told me they had been offered posts if they could type or write shorthand, and fondly imagined in their ignorance or innocence that it was possible to receive a complete training in a few weeks—one girl suggested six weeks!

When I pointed out that complete mastery of the typewriter keyboard could not be attained under three months at the very least, leaving the question of speed in its operation out of account altogether, she thought I was exaggerating.

Dislike of Spade-Work

She was typical of quite a large percentage of modern youth, who desire to start earning good wages with only a few weeks' training. Neither she nor those who think like her seem to realize that this impatience can only lead to incompetence, and that the best jobs are only filled by those who are ready to undertake the tedious drill and study

which must precede proficiency in anything.

I know that I could double my present number of students by such dishonest tactics as encouraging young people in this foolish belief that hard work and study are unnecessary, but I also know that local employers who now show complete confidence in my selections for vacancies on their staffs would cease to regard me as being trustworthy if I departed from my present practice of discouraging prospective students who think they learn a skilled occupation in a few weeks.

The thoroughly competent need never fear the competition of the half-trained or hastily trained, for the difference between them is as wide as the ocean itself. Nothing worth while was ever achieved in a hurry, and modern youth must realize that they will have to concentrate and work even as their fathers and mothers had to do before them. I would be a grave disservice to employers and the young folk if they were encouraged to believe differently.

Already there are hundreds of thousands of half-trained people in industry, and it is this class which always provides such a problem for statesmen and employers when the inevitable industrial slump arrives in periodic cycles.

A Teacher

PILOTS HAVE A GROUSE

(BY VICTOR RICKETTS)

PILOTS' grumbles and their employers' counter statements are air news.

There has been talk of strikes in the airlines, summary sackings of pilots, underpay in the air, and many things besides.

An unnecessarily black picture has been painted. There will be no pilots' strike unless the air firms employing them take up a far more brutal attitude than they appear likely to do.

In Britain there are 927 fliers, maybe half a dozen of them women, who hold current "B" licences entitling them to fly for hire or reward.

It has cost between £200 and £1,200 for each of them to take that coveted licence. A third of the number of "B" licence holders hold pilots' jobs in air firms, entitling them to join the British Airline Pilots' Association.

It is the 250 or so who have joined the association to date who have caused all the disturbance. More than 160 of them come from Imperial Airways' payroll of roughly 200 pilots.

Rates of Pay

THERE are men in the air profession entrusted with passengers' lives who work for bus drivers' wages a week. They get a few pennies an hour flying pay.

Welcome any organisation that seeks to put that sort of thing right. But don't imagine that all professional pilots are paid on this scale. I know young men, well on the right side of thirty, who draw a monthly cheque for the best part of £100.

Besides their salary they get anything up to 15s. an hour flying pay. Not a bad job, eh? You're right.

Total Flying Hours

ONE of the aims of the fliers' association is to get the British working time for pilots down. A pilot's hours of work are limited to 125 a month. After that he must have another Air Ministry supervised medical examination before his employers are allowed to fly him again.

Dick Merrill was horrified about this limit. In America it's a flat figure of eighty hours a month and no extras. "A.L.P.A." America's equivalent of the British association got that figure.

Half-way between the statements that it's as pie and alternatively that it's shocking hard work to fly lies the truth. This column is not siding with the pilots or the companies who pay them to fly. It's just painting a picture of the situation in a small but growing business.

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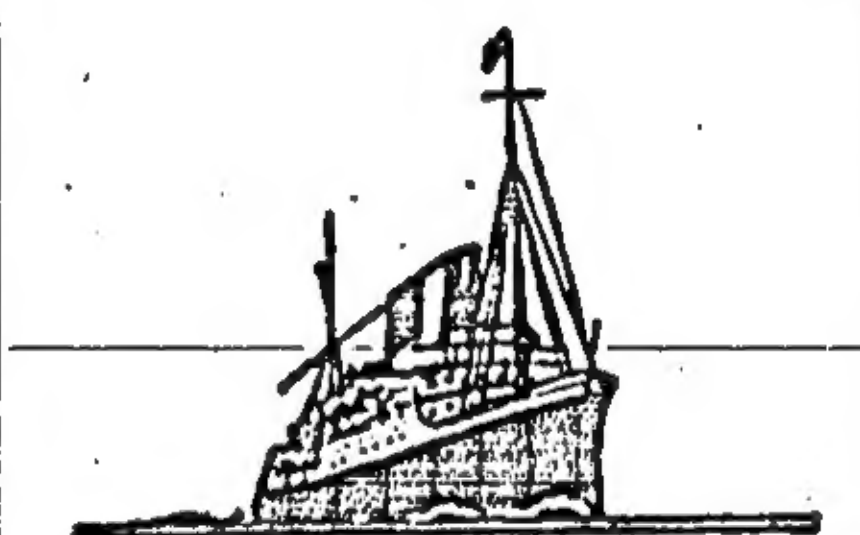
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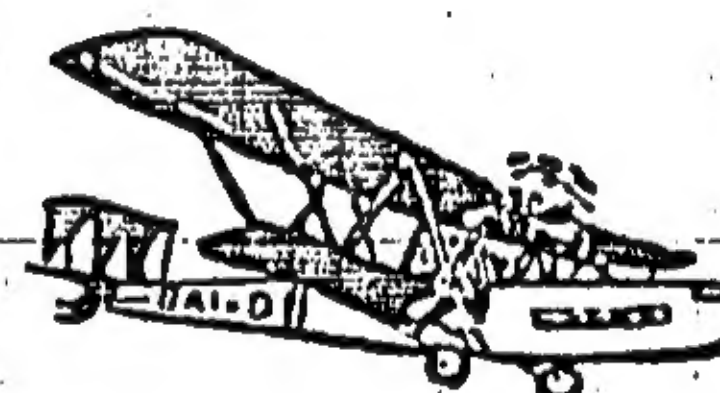
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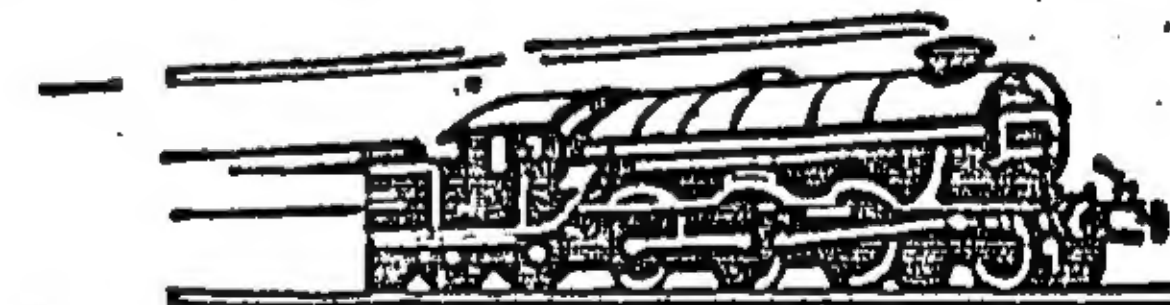
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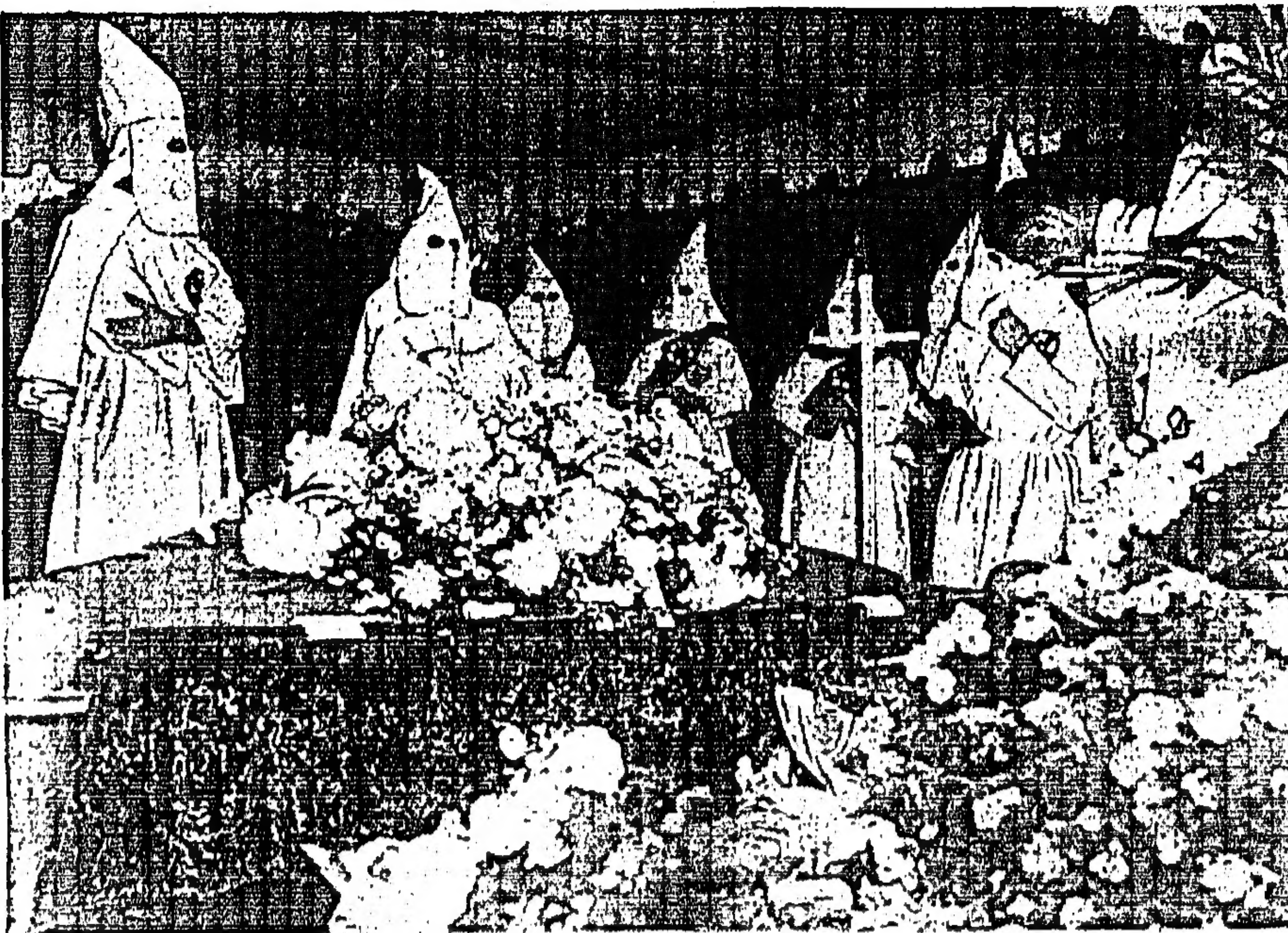
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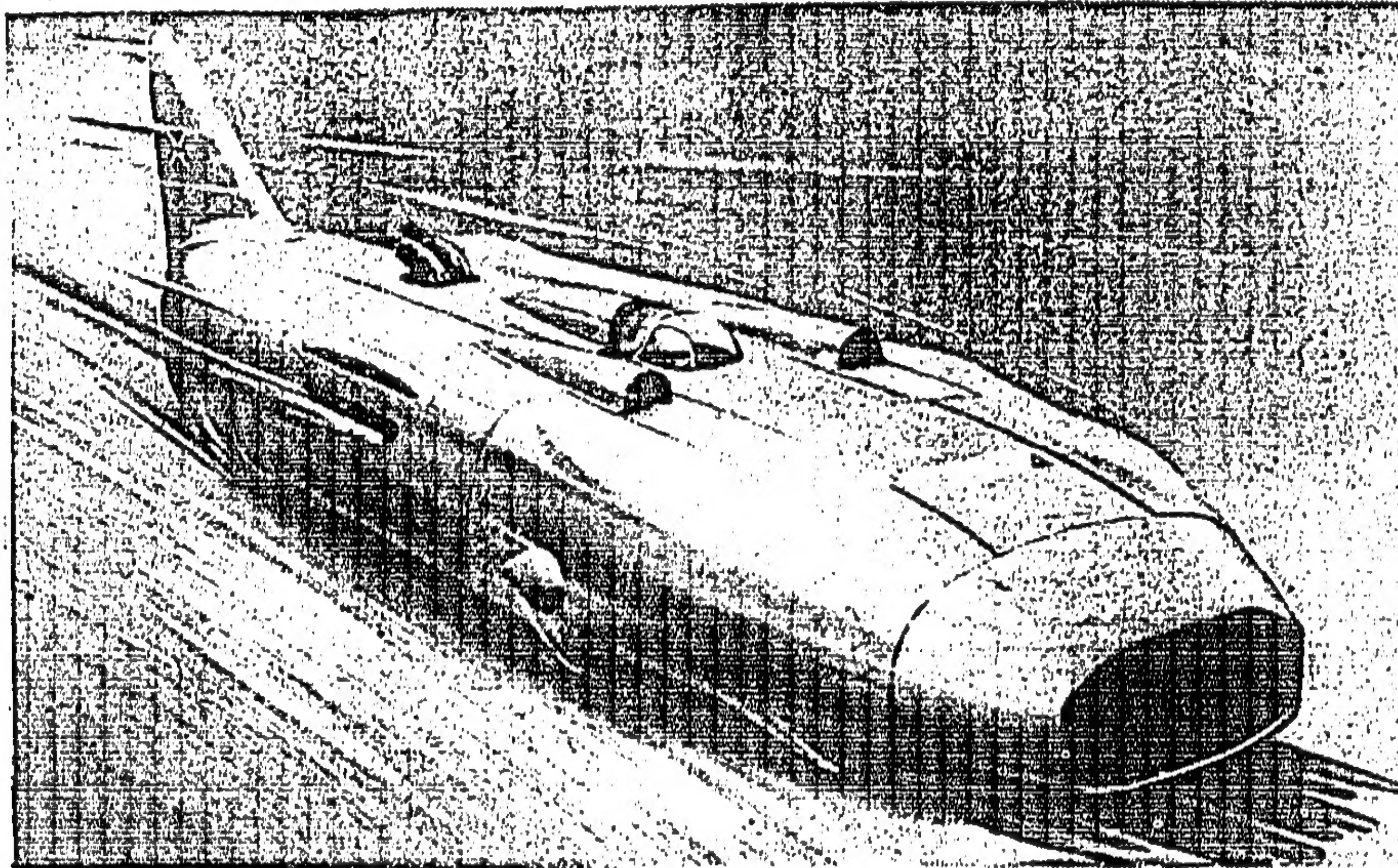
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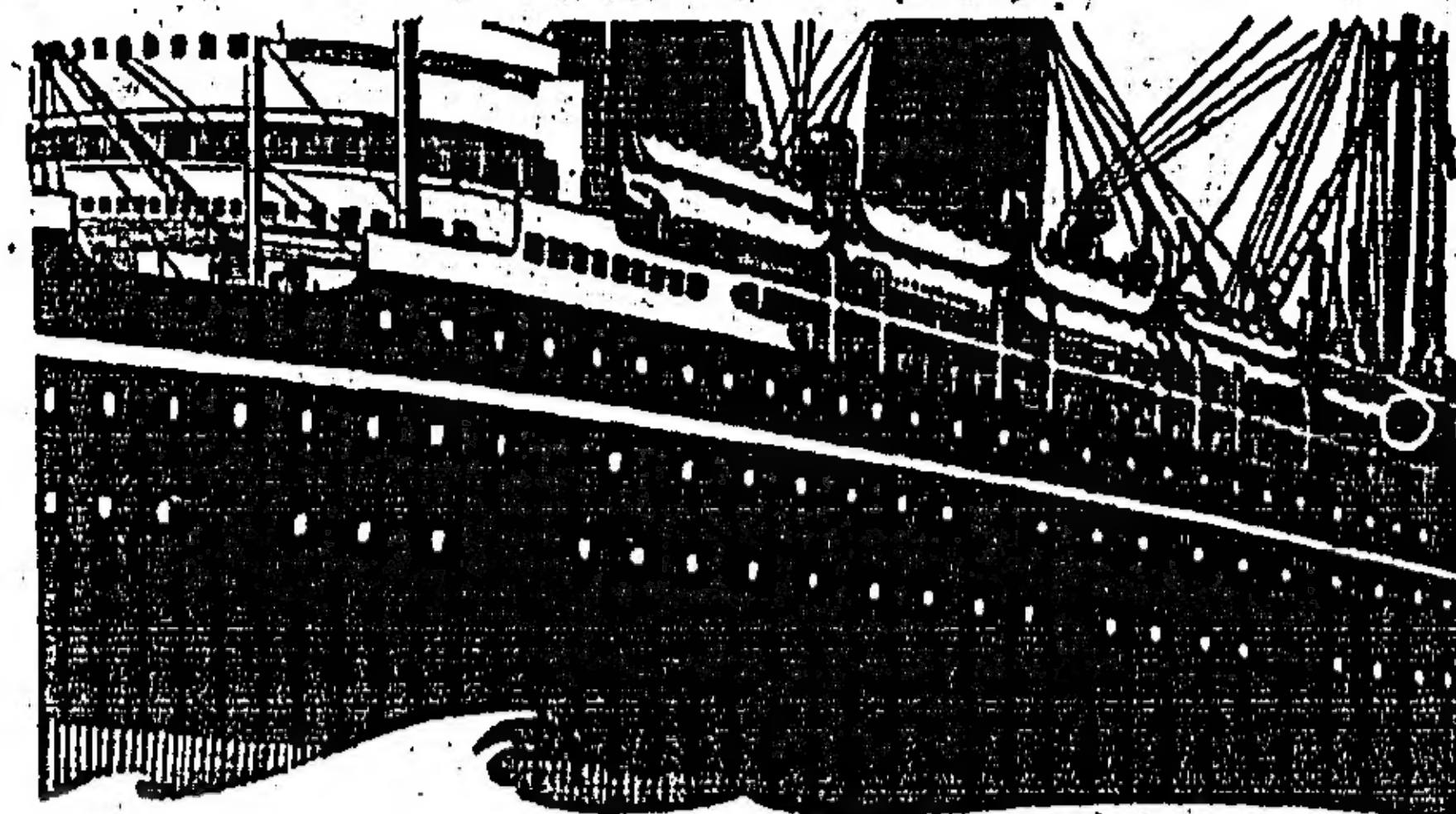
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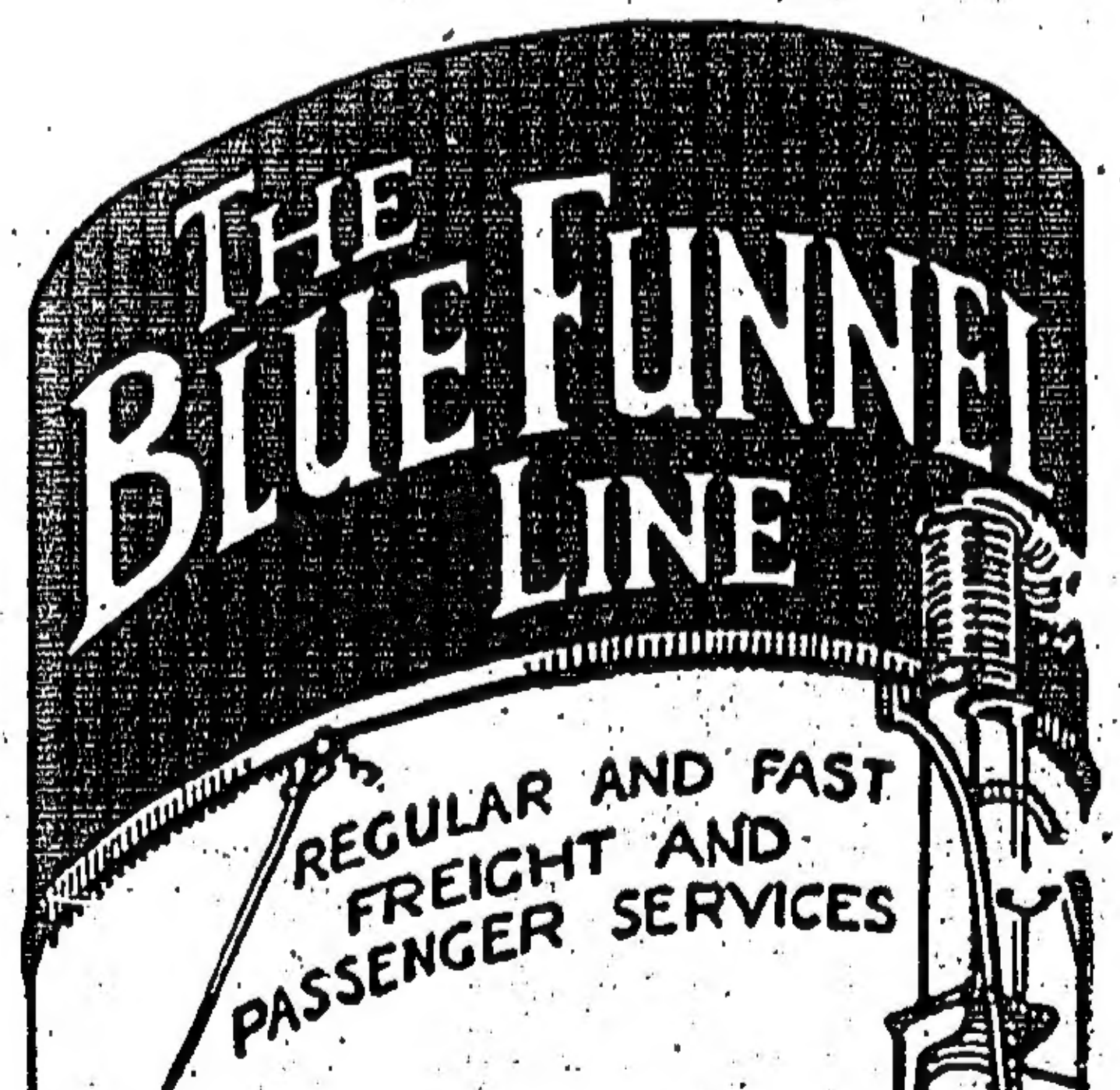
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Following a complaint from a mistress that she had been assaulted by her mistress, Tsang Chung-kan, 37, married woman, appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning on bail of \$100, charged with keeping an unregistered mistress, Shiu Chan-ha.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said the girl went to a police station and reported she had been assaulted by her mistress. Although cane marks were seen on her person, they were insufficient to support a charge of assault against defendant. The girl had been sold by her father in the country for \$170 Canton currency, and had been brought down to Hongkong two months ago by defendant, who had come to the Colony to arrange for the arrival of relatives from Shanghai. The girl was given sufficient food and clothing, but did not wish to return to defendant.

The woman pleaded that she had brought the girl to Hongkong to look after her children.

A fine of \$50 was imposed. An adjournment until 2.45 p.m. on December 13 for hearing was granted when Yu Chan, 38, married woman, appeared before Mr. Forrest, charged with keeping an unregistered mistress, Kong Chun, ill-treating the girl, and assaulting her.

Inspector H. W. Fraser prosecuted, while Mr. W. M. Brown, of Hastings and Co., appeared for the defence.

ILLICIT STILL FOUND

Severe Sentences On Chinese

Wong Fan, 50, and Wong Fat, 56, both unemployed, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with possession of an illicit still at No. 4 Mosque Junction, second floor, and possession of dutiable spirit, fermenting materials, and distilling spirit without a license.

Senior Revenue Officer A. Grimmit stated that the still was a large one and seven barrels of mash were found in the flat.

First accused was fined \$500 or six months' on the first count, \$90 or two months' on the second to run concurrently, \$500 or six months' on the third charge and \$500 or six months' on the fourth to run concurrently. Second accused was discharged.

Foresees No Trade Slump In Britain

Even When Arms Programme Ends

London, Dec. 7. Speaking at Birmingham to-day, Mr. Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was no evidence of a slump in Britain, although there were certain set-backs due to the recent cessation of spending by the big industrial concerns in the United States, causing a fall in material prices. But there was no indication of a British decline in general, nor was this likely to occur as a result of the completion of expenditure on rearmament.—Reuter.

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JAPANESE ADMIT REVERSE

Chinese Establish New Line

Re-Occupy Pingyao

Peiping, Dec. 7. A Japanese military spokesman admitted that the Chinese are busily constructing another "Hindenberg Line" along the right bank of the Yellow River from Tungkuwan to a point 80 miles inside of the Shan-tung border. This line is held by 22 divisions. The spokesman also admitted that Chinese troops operating in Shansi had re-occupied Pingyao.—Reuter.

VISCOUNT ISHII IN LONDON

In No Hurry To See Eden

London, Dec. 7. Viscount Ishii, who is paying an unofficial visit to Europe from Japan, reached London to-day and is spending to-morrow seeing prominent members of the Japanese colony. To-day he conversed with Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, Japanese Ambassador to London.

Viscount Ishii intends to make an early call on Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary.—Reuter.

Ex-Navy M.P. Questions New Policy

London, Dec. 7. The new War Office policy of reducing the age of those holding high Command led Lieut-Comdr. R. T. H. Fletcher (Lab.) to ask Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons to-day, if this policy is to be extended to the Navy and Royal Air Force.

The Prime Minister assured his questioner that the First Lord of the Admiralty and Secretary for Air would continue to give full weight to all relevant considerations, including age, health and physical fitness of officers concerned.

Lieut-Comdr. Fletcher asked whether it was not desirable to have an approximation to the average age between the Army Council, Air Council and Board of Admiralty. He quoted the disparity of age between the First Sea Lord and members of the other two bodies (cries of "No").—Reuter.

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